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Court to decide on leukaemia girl's chance to live

By RICHARD DUCE

'Here the most precious right of all is at stake, namely the right to life'

THE future of a 10-year-old girl with leukaemia will be decided by a High Court judge today. Mr Justice Laws will rule whether to order a health authority to pay for treatment that could save her life.

The father of the girl — known only as B after the court ruled she could not be identified — took Cambridge Health Authority to the High Court in London yesterday after they refused to fund chemotherapy and a second bone marrow transplant.

The authority argued that she had little chance of survival and their cash reserves could better be spent on other patients. If the judge rules in favour of the girl, a doctor

is standing by to begin the treatment, which will cost £75,000, immediately.

The health authority says the girl, who has acute myeloid leukaemia, has a 2.5 per cent chance of putting the disease into remission and making a complete recovery.

Her lawyers said they had statements from doctors saying they believed she had between a ten and 20 per cent chance of a bone marrow transplant or chemotherapy succeeding.

The girl, from the Cambridge area, fell ill at the age of five and had her first bone marrow trans-

plant in March last year. Her younger sister was the donor.

That was for Hodgkin's Lymphoma, but then she developed acute myeloid leukaemia, and has been treated at both the Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, and the Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

The first course of chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant failed to work and in mid-January she was only given six to eight weeks to live. Bruce McIntyre, her counsel, said: "Her time is now effectively up." The child's father, who has given up work to look after her, received a letter from Cambridge

and Huntingdon Health Commission on February 27, saying no funding was available for a second course of treatment.

The letter was from Dr Roy Zinnern, the director of both Cambridge Health Authority and the newly-formed Commission. He said in the letter that the decision had been made on clinical, and not financial, grounds.

Intended treatment for the girl by Dr Peter Gravett, a consultant haematologist, would have to be considered experimental and unproven. He said that as such, this meant it could not be justified

under Department of Health guidelines on funding for treatment.

Nigel Pitt, for the health authority, said it was not accepted that the girl had a significant chance of survival. With palliative treatment, she would enjoy several weeks of normal life prior to regression.

The judge asked: "How can it not be justified when the alternative is certain death? It's what a betting man would call a risk against a certainty. Any man would take that risk." Mr Pitt said risk was not the issue. It was a question of whether the health authority should fund

the treatment, "bearing in mind medical circumstances, suffering of the patient, and all the other calls on local resources."

"If the health authority was to spend all its money on treatment which doctors have advised was extremely unlikely to succeed, and then had no money left to treat hundreds of other patients, what would the public have to say about that?"

"We are not taking a decision which is denying fundamental rights to life. It's a question of giving money for treatment."

Mr McIntyre told the court the

girl had a "significant" chance of surviving chemotherapy, which would put her into remission and then lead to a bone marrow transplant which could eventually cure her.

"They have, by refusing funding of this treatment, effectively taken the step whereby life is denied to this child." He argued that the health authority was "unreasonable and irrational" in deciding to withhold funding.

The judge asked of the health authority: "Should this applicant be given a modest but significant chance of prolonged life, or die in relative comfort?"

"Here the most precious right of all is at stake, namely the right to life."

Clinton lets Adams raise funds in US

By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

PRESIDENT CLINTON rebuffed the British Government yesterday by granting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Féin leader, permission to raise funds in America and inviting him to a St Patrick's Day reception at the White House next Friday.

The decision prompted immediate disapproval in London, with Downing Street pointing out that earlier this week Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had advised against such a move during his visit to Washington.

British Government officials disclosed John Major's anger at Mr Clinton's move, saying that Washington knew that IRA recruitment and punishment beatings were still going on, and that it was important the IRA was denied the funds to buy weapons. Tory MPs condemned the decision and questioned why Mr Adams needed to raise money if he was genuinely dedicated to peace.

Mr Clinton took the decision despite the reservations of many of his advisers and intense lobbying from London. Even the American Embassy in London is understood to have warned him against the idea. The British had argued the Administration would miss a golden opportunity to advance the

peace process if it abandoned its insistence that the IRA makes concrete progress towards decommissioning its arms before Mr Adams was allowed to raise funds.

Mr Clinton was under intense pressure from Senator Edward Kennedy and many other Irish-American congressmen to grant Mr Adams an unrestricted visa and, with his 1996 re-election campaign looming, the President needs the support of America's big Irish community.

Last night it appeared that an apparently conciliatory statement from Mr Adams on Wednesday suggesting that he would be ready to meet ministers to discuss the decommissioning of IRA weapons had convinced Mr Clinton that he should give the go-ahead.

Mr Adams had said: "Progress can be made on the whole range of relevant issues — justice, discrimination in employment, prisoners, political and constitutional matters and demilitarisation. Demilitarisation requires movement on a range of issues including repressive legislation, prisoners and the decommissioning of weapons."

The British Government is to seek clarification of Mr Adams's words but the initial signs were that it was not as impressed as Mr Clinton appears to have been. Officials

said it was impossible to determine whether funds raised in America would go to Sinn Féin or the IRA.

The episode, while not amounting to an open rift, underlines the coolness and distance in relations between the British Government and Mr Clinton. It comes at an embarrassing time, only three weeks before Mr Major's visit to Washington.

Mr Clinton's decision will allow Mr Adams to raise millions of dollars for Sinn Féin, and to launch his fundraising efforts during next week's St Patrick's Day celebrations when the 40 million Americans who claim Irish descent are most likely to contribute. The White House said Mr Adams had pledged this money would be used only for legitimate political purposes and not to buy weapons, but British officials viewed that promise sceptically.

Mr Adams will also enjoy the enormous boost to his prestige of being received at the White House by the President, albeit as one of 300 guests attending the reception. Only on Tuesday Sir Patrick issued a warning during his visit that it would be "disappointing" to about 50 million (British) people to have Mr Adams.

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The Queen talks to the crowd after opening the £89-million Lagan bridge in Belfast. She later visited Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland

Relaxed security marks Queen's Ulster visit

By NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen paid tribute yesterday to the "courage and compassion" of the people of Northern Ireland as she visited the Province for the first time since the IRA and loyalist ceasefires.

Nationalists and Unionists cheered the Queen in Belfast and Armagh City as she carried out engagements which would have been too dangerous before the ceasefires. Security was markedly more relaxed and the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, chatted to schoolchildren and wellwishers who presented

her with flowers during walkabouts in the two cities. In Armagh, the Queen recalled the suffering the Province has endured as she conferred city status on Ireland's ecclesiastical capital.

In a brief speech to local dignitaries in the small Archbishop's Chapel next to the council office, she said: "For many difficult years the people of Northern Ireland have shown courage and compassion of an extraordinary kind. Today as they begin to look forward towards a more peaceful future Armagh, with its two great Cathedrals standing so close together, presents a powerful symbol of the strength, spirit and hopes

of people across Northern Ireland."

She said that she was delighted that Armagh, which ceased to be a city in 1840, should regain its ancient status as it celebrated its 1,550 anniversary. She added: "I hope and pray that the future for the city of Armagh and of Northern Ireland as a whole may be one of peace and prosperity for all its citizens."

Her remarks were echoed by Archbishop Robin Eames, the Primate of the Church of Ireland, who said: "We remember the new generation of young people as they grow in mind, body and spirit. We pray that they may be the inheritors of a just and peace-

ful community." In a gesture of reconciliation the ceremony was attended by Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, the first leader of the Church to meet a Monarch since the Reformation.

Earlier the Queen received a warm welcome when she opened the £89-million Lagan Bridge in Belfast.

TV licence to cost £86.50

The cost of a colour television licence will rise from £84.50 to £86.50 on April 1, the Heritage Secretary Stephen Dorrell announced yesterday. The fee for black and white sets will rise from £28 to £28.50.

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Church's Easter message dispenses with the cross

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE cross has been dropped from a national churches advertising campaign for Easter because it carries "too much cultural baggage".

Advertisers considered the cross too predictable for the campaign and bus stops, roadside hoardings and church noticeboards will display posters where "tired old slogans" are replaced by the word "Surprise".

The Churches Advertising Network, an organisation which is largely Anglican but includes representatives from all the mainstream denominations, wants "to get away from Easter eggs, bunnies and hot cross buns." But the organisation, which will be distrib-

ing posters to churches of all denominations, also wants to avoid images which are too "churchy".

Kate Grieves, an advertising manager who helped to mastermind the campaign, said: "What is this obsession with the cross? We are trying to reach those who are currently not interested in the church or the Christian faith. We are trying to meet them where they are, rather than putting out clichéd images which may be disregarded."

The Rev Robert Ellis, communications officer of the Lichfield diocese, told the *Catholic Herald* that traditional Christian symbols "carry too much cultural baggage."

Endlessly repeating biblical quotations will cut no ice. People have already rejected traditional symbols."

But he added: "This campaign will not please everyone. For some it's not 'churchy' enough and some Christians may feel uncomfortable with its brash image."

The Rev Richard Thomas, of the Oxford diocese, said: "When we asked a number of people at random what happened on Easter Day, their reply was, it was the day Jesus died. With this campaign we have tried in a very stark way to focus on the resurrection and not on the death of Jesus, to get people outside the church to understand Easter is not just about death but about resurrection."

The Very Rev Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's, said: "This really is a surprise. I think it is extraordinary."

This is the first national Easter campaign, although the network has previously run Christmas campaigns. It will cost the church almost nothing, because experts have donated their time free and are negotiating for cut-price poster sites.

Surprise!

said Jesus to his friends 3 days after they buried him...

Poster shock tactics to tell the resurrection story

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Computer game curbs

The world's largest computer games manufacturers, Nintendo and Sega, face tough curbs after being severely criticised for operating against the public interest in pricing their goods and controlling the market.

A report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission said that the companies practised "discriminatory pricing" resulting in prices which are "excessive" in comparison with hardware. Page 2

Major-Generals' marching orders

Seventeen major-general posts are to go in a shake-up of Army top brass that will involve compulsory redundancy for a hundred senior officers. Only ten major-generals have been told that they "definitely" have to go. The other seven posts are being phased out but the holders may be moved. Page 5

Post Office plea

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Stimulating Gorman injects an antidote to the Mogadon factor

It's amazing how often MPs unwittingly provide the answers to their own questions. Or how often MPs are the answers to their own questions.

Or in Teresa Gorman's case, both. Mrs Gorman (C—whichever—Billerica) told Home Office ministers yesterday of her worries about drug abuse in prisons. Wardens, she suggested, actually condoned this because when prisoners were spaced out on illegal substances, they caused less trouble. Gorman called it the "Mogadon factor".

She conjured up for MPs a vision of prison screws oper-

ating as a nationwide uniformed corps of high-pressure drug dealers. "Cop a toke of this, prisoner number MB1605. Skin up and chill out."

In the face of a prison population completely mugged (as I believe the jargon has it) on soothing substances, Mrs Gorman seemed to think it desirable to get them all up a bit. We needed to put a bit of a shock through their systems, something to get the adrenalin pumping.

Well how about the lady herself? In the language of stimulant y sedative, upper v downer, La Gorman is a

stimulant, an upper. In the language of electro-magnetism, Gorman is a massive high-voltage shock. In drugs terminology, this woman is crack, smack, speed, whizz. Put Mrs Gorman on your board of prison visitors and before long the boys will be on the ceiling and breaking rocks.

Her great crusade, of course, is to publicise the benefits for women of hormone replacement therapy. Should this electrifying woman ever decide (at the age of 109, perhaps) not to stand again for Billerica, Essex would lose its zing. Heaven defend us from the

Conservative Whips' Office's evil strategy: GRT, or Gorman Replacement Therapy.

But Mrs G was not the only self-prescribing therapy yesterday. John Greenway (C, Ryedale) was anxious to reinforce police numbers. Mr Greenway is an ex-police-man. We don't want to lose you, Mr Greenway, but...

Also in his place to torment the Home Secretary was David Evans (C, Weymouth

and Hatfield). He rose at Question 9, demanding that Mr Howard "make the prison regime more rigorous".

That was the written part of his question. The spoken part followed. Here, the difficulty for sketchwriters is to render Mr Evans's prose in any recognisable form of notation. Teams of top transcribers in the offices of Hansard have yet to crack the problem. I shall now try...

"Wotwiv nine-cole horses

—ahem—gole off courses—an Sky TV an thy send aht warders fersteakchips, my seenyac'izens wanna now when criminoohs willwanna get in-na prison not aht-tavit..."

Evans glanced down at his papers.

"Reading!" shouted Labour MPs, under some misapprehension. Evans can't.

Here too, though, if Mr Evans's question is how we could make prisons less bearable for prisoners, Mr Evans's answer is, surely... Mr Evans.

Prisons already arrange to have "writers in residence" and "artists in residence". How about an "Evans in

residence"? That would turn the tide of senior citizens trying to break in and begin a wave of desperate attempts to get out again.

If we could get Mr Evans out of the Commons and into some of the excessively pleasant penal establishments of which he complains, we should have solved two problems at once.

Whether Messrs Major, Blair and Ashdown could provide, on their own, the answers to their questions, we may doubt. That as a trio they deserve each other equally and cancel each other out completely, is certain.

Answering the Labour Leader yesterday, the Prime Minister began caustically: "The right hon gentleman is a distinguished lawyer." There were giggles.

Next, up popped Paddy Ashdown, coughing and spluttering and in no mood for a joke. "The right hon gentleman is not a distinguished lawyer," said Major.

Major accused Blair of idiocy. Blair accused Major of double dealing. Ashdown accused Major of hoodwinking waffle and Major accused Ashdown of feeble-mindedness.

Another Thursday, another Prime Minister's Questions.

Computer games firms face curbs for price fixing

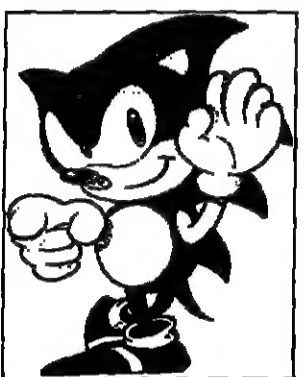
BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE world's largest computer games manufacturers, Nintendo and Sega, face tough curbs after being severely criticised for operating against the public interest in pricing their goods and controlling the market.

A report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission disclosed yesterday that the two companies, which hold almost

unassailable positions in the £700 million market, practised "discriminatory pricing" resulting in prices that are "excessive" in comparison with the cost of hardware.

Ministers have warned the computer giants that they may face direct price controls because consumers are being forced to pay well over the odds for games such as Sonic the Hedgehog. Individual Sega games retail in high street shops from £10 for games in the classic range such as Batman Returns to about £70 for its top of the range Virtua Racing, based on grand prix racing.



Sonic: a bestseller

The two companies, which dominate high street sales of video consoles and games, are criticised for breaking regulations on fair trading.

Jonathan Evans, Corporate Affairs Minister, accepted the report yesterday and announced a three-month consultation period on the



Game prices are excessive compared with software costs, the commission says

commission's main recommendations. He also disclosed that he was seeking undertakings from Nintendo and Sega about specific aspects of their marketing and would be briefing competition authorities in Japan, where they are based.

Sega said it could agree with some of the findings but was disappointed overall. The company said the MMC had failed fully to appreciate the nature of the technology involved in computer games and the rapid speed of change in the market. But key figures in the computer games industry said the MMC and the Office of Fair Trading, which initiated

ed the report, had acted far too late to help the consumer. It was being pointed out that complaints from members of the public and from independent software producers about Sega and Nintendo prices had met with no response for several years.

"The report is far too late, it should have happened a couple of years ago," Mark Patterson, editor of the leading industry magazine *Computer & Video Games Monthly*, said. Mr Patterson said the MMC was dealing with a market dominated by the 16-bit cartridge form of game which was being swept aside

by new CD-Rom technology in which Nintendo and Sega will not be able to establish such a large market share.

Nicola Marsden, of the retailers Dixons and Currys, said: "The report is a bit historical. Video games of this type were key products two years ago."

David Tabeel, of the brokers Durlacher & Co, said the MMC had done too little too late. As a result there would be only a marginal impact on the consumer. In the meantime he predicted Sega and Nintendo and their main competitors would continue to control the sector as before.

Adams row

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shaking hands with the President of the greatest democracy on earth". In contrast to Mr Clinton, Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, declined to invite Mr Adams to the Speaker's traditional St Patrick's Day lunch.

To justify the President's decision White House officials claimed privately that Britain had undercut its own position by letting Mr Adams raise funds in London, and by easing its own conditions earlier this week for holding direct talks with Sinn Fein.

The invitation to Mr Adams is one of the most important boosts to Sinn Fein since the IRA ceasefire. President Clinton's support for what Mr Adams calls the "pan-nationalist consensus" on Ireland played a key role in convincing IRA hardliners to support the ceasefire.

Irish Government sources welcomed the American decision. Unionists reacted furiously. John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, described the decision as outrageous. Mr Taylor added that the British Government was partly to blame. "The British Government has been retreating on a daily basis over the decommissioning of arms. That is the example they are setting."

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, said that Mr Clinton was naive. "President Clinton is condoning terrorism and murder, and getting involved in something his Administration clearly doesn't understand," Mr Paisley also blamed the British Government for encouraging President Clinton to accept Mr Adams as a constitutional politician.

In recent years Noraid, the fund-raising arm of the IRA in the United States, has openly defied a court order to file regular reports with the Justice Department. The organisation's last filed accounts cover the year to July 1991 and involve claimed funds of £1.15 million. Since then, British officials assess the figure has declined to a little more than £330,000 a year.

Mr Adams, who will fly to America tomorrow, will also be able to open Sinn Fein's fund-raising operation in New York. "Adams can raise millions, multi-millions of dollars in the Irish-American community," Father Sean McManus, president of the Irish National Caucus in Washington, said last night.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New inquiry ordered into defence bribes

A fresh inquiry into the fraudulent activities of Gordon Foxley, a former Ministry of Defence official who has been convicted of receiving £1.3 million in bribes, has been ordered after a report by the National Audit Office.

In a report to Parliament yesterday on the risk of fraud in defence procurement, Sir John Bourn, head of the office, said that the ministry needed to pursue "vigorously" further investigations into the full extent of the case, the largest fraud by a civil servant to be detected. Foxley, a former director of the MoD's procurement executive, was jailed for four years in November 1993 for taking bribes from three overseas companies.

MPs urge post reform

The Government should give greater commercial freedom to the Post Office and remove all restrictions on the business activities of sub-postmasters, a committee of MPs urged yesterday. The all-party Trade and Industry Select Committee said a decision must be taken soon on the service's future and called for legislation to convert it into a 100 per cent Government-owned plc as a way of loosening the financial ties with the Treasury.

Arab bomber jailed

An Arab extremist was jailed for seven years at the Old Bailey yesterday after unexpectedly changing his plea. Mohamed Baibaki, 35, born in Lebanon, admitted taking part in bomb attacks at the Syrian Embassy in Belgrade and the Swiss Centre in Leicester Square in 1985. Neither of the devices exploded properly and no one was injured.

Pilots protest over hours

Europe's 18,000 commercial airline pilots have launched a campaign to halt a planned relaxation of the rules governing the length of time they can be on duty. They claim that, if implemented, the EU proposals could put the lives of flight crews and passengers at risk because pilots would be tired and overworked.

Chief says crime pays

Charles Pollard, left, Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, has called for a review of the criminal justice system, which he says stacks the odds heavily in favour of defendants. Speaking in a studio debate to be screened on BBC2 on Sunday, he said: "Criminals can be forgiven for thinking that crime really does pay. Our trial system isn't working properly. Some would say it's in crisis."

Average council tax £607

Council tax on the average band D property in England will increase by £27 to £607 this year, according to a survey of most local authorities by Cipla, the main public finance institute. The tax is lowest in Wales, at £393, but that represents a 12.4 per cent increase on last year. The band D rate in inner London will be £550, a rise of 4.6 per cent.

Starr's gardener guilty

Freddie Starr's gardener was yesterday convicted of stealing jewellery worth thousands of pounds from the comedian and his former wife. A jury at Reading Crown Court dismissed a claim by Robin Coxhead, a homosexual, that he was given the jewellery by Starr in exchange for sexual favours. Coxhead, 44, will be sentenced on April 7.

Windfall at 19th hole

A retired boatman who has suffered years of misery caused by inept golfers at Forrwilliam Golf Club in Belfast slicing their balls into his property, yesterday settled out of court for compensation of £12,500. David Ferran, 67, who claimed to have had hundreds of balls rain down on his home since 1967, said: "I now have about 2,500 of them in my garage."

City rebuffs Blair's crusade to gather business support

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE City of London has scorned Tony Blair's attempt to persuade the country that Labour has the answer to the country's economic ills, according to a survey.

On the economy in general, taxation, industry and small businesses, City leaders give the Conservatives a big lead over Labour. They also believe that a Labour government would be bad for business, still trading in the Square Mile and damage London's reputation as a world financial centre.

However, the City is deeply gloomy about John Major's chances of winning the next election. Most of its managers are bracing themselves for Mr

Blair to take over at No 10. The findings come from a survey of 150 senior, middle and junior managers working in financial services conducted through questionnaires sent by the Charles Barker public relations firm.

Before the last election, the late John Smith led a "prawn cocktail" offensive aimed at persuading City boardrooms that Labour could be trusted with the economy. Since then Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, and Alastair Darling, the shadow City minister, have kept up the pressure but with a lower profile.

The survey contains some comfort for Labour. Although the party's economic prescrip-

tions are rejected by the City, it scores over the Tories in areas such as jobs, the environment, education, training, health, transport, infrastructure and welfare.

But the central message amounts to a rebuff for Mr Blair's modernising crusade, symbolised by his campaign to ditch the Clause Four commitment to nationalisation, which is designed to persuade the middle classes that a Labour government would not cost them dearly.

The City also gives the Tories a narrow lead on Europe, with 38 per cent saying the Government has the best policies and 34 per cent the Opposition.

Duty to house the homeless overruled

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

COUNCILS do not have to provide permanent accommodation for the homeless, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The test case, brought by seven households, was fought by Conservative Wandsworth, in south London, which has been sending homeless people to live in private flats in neighbouring boroughs. The judgment means that anyone who has been accepted by a council as homeless and is waiting to be housed can be moved into a private flat with a short tenancy — with no guarantee they can remain there when the lease expires. It is seen as so important that it has been referred straight to the Lords.

The Environment Depart-

ment has joined the council in the case, because if Wandsworth loses, its guidance for dealing with the homeless will have to be rewritten.

Seven households took the council to court after they were given short leases by private landlords found by the council. They argued that this not only deprived them of their statutory right to a permanent home but meant they had to pay exorbitant rents. The court found against four families — the other cases were withdrawn on legal points. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper ruled that the 1985 Housing Act could not have been meant to place a duty on the council to provide accommodation for life.

Barings rescuer moves to reassure depositors

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE DUTCH bank that bailed out Barings after it suffered losses of £800 million has begun implementing controls to prevent a similar catastrophe. Aad Jacobs, chairman of Internationale Nederlanden Groep (ING), said: "One of the first things we are doing as a priority is to look at the control systems. People have to learn how to behave according to limits."

Despite his reassurance, there

were indications yesterday that a number of depositors were taking the opportunity to withdraw their money. Roger Cornick, a director of Perpetual, a leading unit trust group that had £2 million on deposit with Barings, said: "We are going to move. It is only right that we do so given the weight of responsibility we have to many thousands of our investors."

While depositors, including pension funds, local authorities and charities, were reassured that their money was safe, there remain a

number of issues to be resolved between ING and Ernst & Young, the bank's administrators. The Singapore arm of the Barings empire, some of the trades which brought down the bank, is still in administration. Last night Hessel Lindenburgh, a main board director of ING, said: "The futures company in Singapore may be beyond repair."

It has also emerged that some charities are still significant losers from the Barings collapse. They held special Preference shares which Mr

Jacobs said were "completely worthless" and are calling on ING to make good their losses with ex-gratia payments.


Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, which is Barings's regulator, promised yesterday that the official report into the collapse would include a separate section covering the Bank's role in the affair.

The Bank's investigators are working with the Serious Fraud Office in piecing together how the disaster was allowed to happen and whether to

press for Nick Leeson, the trader blamed for the collapse, to be extradited from Germany to Britain, rather than to Singapore.

Mr Leeson was visited by his wife, father and brother for 90 minutes in prison in Frankfurt yesterday. It was the first time the trader, 28, had seen his wife, Lisa, 26, since their arrest at the city's airport a week earlier.

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'Relationship between MP and constituent is similar to that of doctor and patient'

'Devastated' officials may deselect MP over affair

BY ANDREW PIERCE

ROBERT HUGHES, who resigned from the Government on Monday, is to be summoned to an emergency meeting of his constituency executive after new disclosures about his extra-marital affair cast serious doubt on his future as an MP.

Senior members of Harrow West Conservative Association, who described themselves as devastated and disillusioned, were yesterday openly calling on him to stand down at the next election. A meeting of the association executive will consider his position on Tuesday evening.

Opinion in the constituency and at Westminster has hardened after reports that the twice-married father of three began his relationship with Janet Oates, 36, after she turned to him for help as her local MP. Miss Oates consulted him early last year because she feared her former boyfriend, who had been jailed for nine years for assaulting her, would be released from prison early.

She was beaten with a bottle, a telephone receiver, fists and feet during the four-hour attack in February 1993 by Radcliffe Clarke, 36, who also threatened to chop her finger off if she refused to remove a ring.

The judge at the Old Bailey trial in January last year described Miss Oates as "not

robust and strong". The emotional strain of the assault led to her losing her secretarial job and she was off work for 18 months until last October, when Mr Hughes, 43, appointed her to replace his secretary who was going on maternity leave. He says that the affair was over when she was taken on. The relation-

surprised. Bob is a family man." Mrs Nickolay said she had been given only a brief synopsis of the affair shortly before Mr Hughes resigned as Public Service Minister, with no details of when or how the relationship began.

"There will be no question of deselection. A by-election would be crazy. But we will

which should not be broken. I am disillusioned. I do not want him as our MP anymore. But we cannot afford a by-election. I think he should stand down at the next election."

Another Tory councillor said: "It makes Bob liable to the accusation he could have taken advantage of his position. It's a complete mess."

Miss Oates returned to her tiny rented flat in Harrow, only a mile from the MP's surgery, for ten minutes yesterday before being driven off by a woman friend, Miss Oates, who is considering several lucrative offers to buy her story from tabloid newspapers, refused to discuss her relationship with the MP. "I am being hounded. I don't want to say anything. This is very difficult for me." She declined to say whether she had resigned as his secretary.

Mr Hughes, who was elected in 1987, was already under pressure in his constituency because of his strong support for closer links with Europe. He is a former parliamentary aide to Sir Edward Heath.

On Tuesday the MP, aware that the more details of his relationship with Miss Oates were about to be disclosed, appealed to the media for privacy. "Please allow my family to get on with the rest of their lives in peace." He declined to comment yesterday.



The MP with his wife Sandra after admitting the affair

ship had been common knowledge to a handful of Tory stalwarts in Harrow for some time. But even his closest political colleagues were unaware that the relationship began after she visited his constituency surgery.

Joyce Nickolay, the association chairman, said: "The whole issue is devastating. I am very disappointed and

want to discuss it thoroughly with him in preparation for the next general election. I cannot say whether he will get total support," she said.

Donald Abbott, a Tory councillor and member of the constituency executive, said: "A relationship between an MP and a constituent is similar to the one between a doctor and a patient. It is a trust

Doctor beaten up by Tube smoker

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A DOCTOR who lost his memory after being attacked by a Tube passenger he had told off said yesterday that being a good citizen had become too risky.

Dr Jonathan France, 25, suffered head injuries and amnesia after being beaten up when his wife complained to two men who were smoking at Manor House Underground station, north London. One replied "Shut up, bitch" and Dr France remonstrated with him. The man attacked the doctor, leaving him with memory loss, a ruptured back disc, suspected broken nose and severe concussion.

Dr France said after the case: "It's going to take a while to adjust my own ideas to match modern society's. In this day and age there's a fine line between being a good citizen and being too good a citizen."

Abey Dikes, 25, of Stoke Newington, north London, was found guilty at Snaresbrook Crown Court of affray and assault causing actual bodily harm. Sentence was postponed until April 21.

Dr France was on his way to Heathrow Airport for a trip to the Himalayas. When the two men became aggressive the newly married doctor backed away, putting his hands up and saying: "Let's forget it, sorry, sorry." He was weighed down by his rucksack and had little chance to defend himself.



Janet Oates on a brief trip home yesterday. She refused to say if she had resigned

Rat-catcher who shared £11.3m is sacked by council

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A COUNCIL rat-catcher who shared an £11.3 million bequest on the death of his mother has been sacked for allegedly cheating his employers of £10.73.

Martin Williams, 44, whose family once owned Brodsworth Hall, outside Doncaster, near where he now destroys rodents, was dismissed after undercover surveillance by officials of Doncaster council. They accused him of gross misconduct by extending his half-hour lunch break without permission, and claiming for time when he was not working.

Mr Williams, who was brought up in the grand Victorian mansion, which was given to English Heritage in 1989, said: "I am comfortably well off and do not need the money. Why should I defraud the council?"

A rat-catcher for 14 years and currently earning £220 a week, he was one of five members of his family to share the bequest four years ago. But he loved his work so much that he decided to stay on.

Despite losing an internal appeal against dismissal, he is taking his case to a tribunal. He claimed that he took time

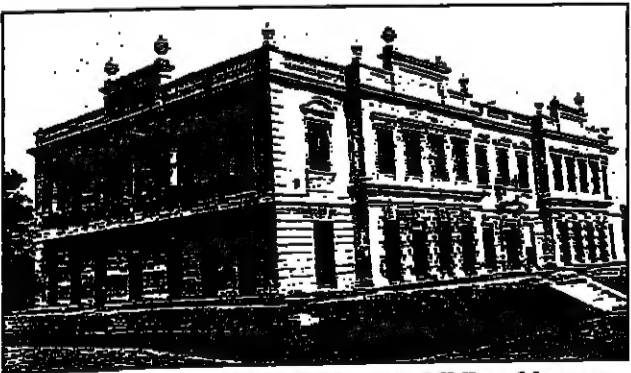


Williams denies claims

off to bathe a sore foot. "I am not one for the easy life. In all my time with the council I have never received a verbal or a written warning. I like living in this area and take it as a compliment when people call me the rat-catcher. Really I am a pest-control worker."

Doncaster council officials set up a week-long surveillance operation to catch Mr Williams after discovering his extended meal break. They even shadowed him in unmarked cars to see how he carried out his duties.

Brodsworth Hall and its contents are regarded as a classic example of Victorian country house life and will open to the public in July after four years of restoration.



Brodsworth Hall, Mr Williams's childhood home

Sex pest posed as housing official

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE first man in England to be convicted of attempting to procure a female for unlawful sexual intercourse by using false pretences walked free from court yesterday.

Ikechekwa Azuka, 29, was said to have made his victim's life a "living hell" after stealing her telephone number from confidential council files. He pretended to be a housing officer and told his victim she would be eligible for a new home if she had sex with him, the Old Bailey was told.

At the time he committed that offence he was on bail for making obscene calls to another woman. In that case Azuka, who was then working for Croydon Social Services as a clerk, stole the number from confidential department files. On 3 October last he was given probation but three days later he was arrested for the second offence.

Judge Pownall, QC, decided to give him a second chance after hearing that if he attended a project for sex offenders he could be cured of his obsession to "talk dirty" on the telephone to women. He again placed him on probation for two years and ordered that he attend the project.

The defendant, a civil engineering graduate, lost his job after his first offence. The judge was told that no one knew how he obtained the number of his second victim from council files after she applied to be rehoused.

Azuka, pretending to be a Wandsworth housing officer, phoned the woman promising her a new home in exchange for sexual favours. She called police and the defendant was arrested after she arranged to meet him. He was carrying jars of Vaseline, baby oil and two condoms.

Woman told to repay gift of £230,000 from former lover

BY LIN JENKINS

A WOMAN has been ordered by the High Court to repay £231,000 paid to her by her former lover, a millionaire car-dealer who died in 1989 aged 95.

Alfred Clarke's three children went to court seeking the return of more than £1.9 million he had given to Hannah Prus, a neighbour with whom he began an affair when he was 80 and she 53.

Mr Justice Knox, in a reserved judgment, rejected claims that Mrs Prus, 74, had been guilty of fraud or that for the first 13 years of their relationship the cash payments were anything other than gifts to the woman he loved. Mr Clarke's children had claimed that she had

systematically defrauded him and been guilty of undue influence since he would not have parted with the cash willingly, having kept his late wife short of money.

It was only during the last two years of his life that he was unable to form a proper judgment and she had worn him down with demands and verbal abuse. The judge ruled that the children were entitled to the return of gifts totalling £231,428 from that period alone.

"What started out as Mr Clarke's folly finished up as Mrs Prus' victimisation of Mr Clarke," the judge said.

Interest is payable on the sum to be returned but the court was told that Mrs

Prus's home in Purley, Surrey, was about to be repossessed and that she could soon be declared bankrupt. Mrs Prus, who is Polish born, uses the name Lady Isabella Granville at her Surrey home. She has also used the name Melania Glowacka, Princess of Battenburg. A divorcee, she met Mr Clarke in 1973.

Mrs Prus was "wildly extravagant", the judge said. She took winter holidays in St Moritz and ran up bills for luxury purchases. The children, Alfred Clarke, Thelma L'Estrange and Rosalind Burgess, were suspicious of their father's generosity since he was reclusive and lived a very frugal life.

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Major-generals given their marching orders



Rifkind: refused to say why notices issued

By OUR DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SEVENTEEN major-general posts are to go in a shake-up of Army top brass that will involve compulsory redundancy for nearly a hundred senior officers.

Only ten major-generals have been told that they "definitely" have to go. The other seven posts are being phased out but the current holders may be moved to other jobs. The cuts will be completed by mid-1997. For the first time, the major-generals will be able to benefit from generous redundancy payments. In the past, two-star major-generals who failed to make promotion to

three-star lieutenant-generals, had to leave without any form of redundancy which was paid only up to the rank of brigadier. The Treasury has also agreed, in an unprecedented move, to pay redundancy retrospectively to major-generals who had to leave the Army before their retirement age of 55. The Ministry of Defence said that involved a relatively small sum.

The sweeping cuts in top commanders, which also include 32 brigadiers and 48 full colonels, have been ordered as a result of last year's Frontline First defence costs study which found savings of £750 million in the armed forces' support

areas. The Ministry of Defence would not say which of the Army's major-generals have been earmarked for redundancy. However, there are a number of senior posts in the MoD that have been absorbed under the Frontline First programme and there are plans to downgrade several jobs, such as the director of the School of Infantry and director of the School of Artillery, from major-general to brigadier.

The Chaplain General and the two major-generals in the Royal Army Medical Corps would not be affected, the MoD said. Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said

the redundancies were part of the cuts he had approved after the Frontline First review last year. He refused to explain why it had been necessary to issue compulsory notices to the 100 senior officers.

The ten facing compulsory redundancy within the next 18 months all received personal letters from Lieutenant-General Robert Hayman-Joyce, the Military Secretary, in the post yesterday. The other seven posts that are being phased out by 1997 include the job of commander-in-chief British Forces Hong Kong, currently Major-General Bryan Dutton. Hong Kong will not be a British colony after July 1997. The

cuts bring the number of major-generals down from 47, which includes the chaplain general and two medical generals, to 30. Before the Options for Change defence review in 1990 there were 60 major-generals, which were reduced to 54 by June 1993.

The number of brigadiers will drop from 181 to 149 and the number of full colonels from 499 to 451. All the brigadiers and colonels in yesterday's announcement are also being made compulsorily redundant. Under the redundancy arrangements, a major-general who joined the Army at the age of 21 and is required to leave one year and

nine months before his official retirement age of 55 will receive a total of about £145,000, consisting of £28,655 in annual pension payments, £85,964 as a terminal grant and a special capital payment or golden handshake of £30,777.

If he had stayed in the Army until 55, he would have received a pension of £29,856, a terminal grant of £89,562 and no golden handshake. The latest redundancies are part of a total Army package of 500 job cuts, announced under the defence costs study.

The jobs of the Army's nine lieutenant-generals and six full generals are safe.

Rifkind overrules MoD with Westland helicopter order

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government announced a £1.2 billion order for 36 RAF transport helicopters yesterday and admitted it had opted for the more expensive choice.

The decision to buy a mixed fleet of 22 EH101 helicopters, built by Westland in Somerset and by the Italian company Agusta, and 14 Chinooks from Boeing, instead of an all-Chinook fleet, added £300 million to the bill, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said.

The mixed-fleet option was taken against the financial advice of Malcolm McIntosh, chief of defence procurement at the Defence Ministry. Dr McIntosh is also the ministry's accounting officer who has to justify spending before the Commons Public Accounts Committee.

Mr Rifkind had to issue a "direction" to Dr McIntosh, effectively overruling his judgment. At a press conference, Mr Rifkind justified the extra £300 million for the helicopter contract on the ground that the purchase of the EH101 would safeguard 5,000 jobs at Westland and preserve Britain's helicopter-manufacturing capability.

The announcement was welcomed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, in a signal to RAF commanders.

However, it is no secret that the RAF would have preferred to stick to Chinooks. It already has 32 in service and they can carry twice the payload. The purchase of the EH101 will mean increased training, a different stock of spares and additional maintenance work.

However, Mr Rifkind said the EH101, which will not be ready until 1999, was more flexible and more manoeuvrable in confined spaces. The Royal Navy had already

ordered 44 of the anti-submarine version of the EH101, called Merlin.

Boeing, which had been asked to bid for up to 40 Chinooks, gets the consolation prize of a further eight of the twin-rotor helicopters, plus a further six needed as replacements to meet the expected attrition rate over the next few years.

Mr Rifkind said that with the new order the number of support helicopters for the

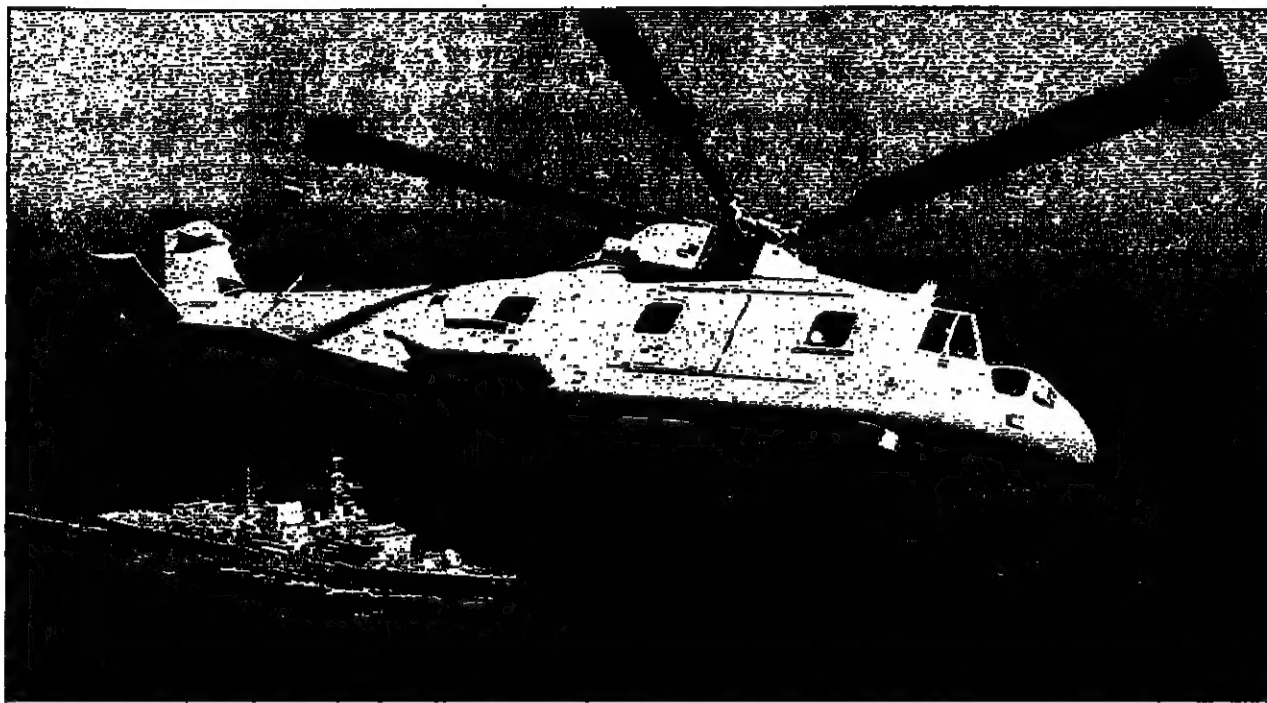
armed forces would double. He would not say what the new contract was worth but it is expected to be about £500 million, to be shared between Westland and Agusta.

Westland expects to sell the EH101 to foreign buyers now that the order has been placed by the RAF. "We certainly wouldn't have stood much chance of exports if we hadn't won the RAF contract," one Westland source said.

The order was welcomed in the Commons. David Clark, Labour defence spokesman, said it was "absolutely vital" that Britain should maintain its helicopter-building capability.

The new Defence Helicopter School for the Army, Navy and RAF is to be based at Shawbury, Staffordshire, from April 1997, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, confirmed last night.

Helicopter training at Culdrose, Cornwall, will move to the new joint school and Culdrose will become the base for training Navy pilots in missile and gunnery operations. Middle Wallop, near Salisbury, will remain the home of Army Aviation, but will lose its helicopter training facility to Shawbury. All Army activity at Netheravon, also in Wiltshire, is to be relocated.



The order for the Westland EH101 will safeguard 5,000 jobs and preserve Britain's helicopter-making capability

Decision ends years of uncertainty

By MICHAEL EVANS

THERE was a mixture of relief and rejoicing yesterday at the Westland factory in Yeovil, where the order for 22 EH101s helicopters ended years of uncertainty.

George Younger, then Defence Secretary, announced in 1987 that the Government would order 25 EH101s, but the ending of the Cold War brought a reappraisal of all equipment purchases.

Westland is the biggest employer in Somerset with

5,000 staff, and several hundred of them were present in the EH101 assembly hall to hear news of the deal from Roger Freeman, the Defence Procurement Minister. He was accompanied by Alan Jones, the company's chief executive.

Tony Fife, the Mayor of Yeovil, said: "This is splendid news but long overdue. The delay has been totally unacceptable." Peter Farr, acting chairman of the Manufacturing Science and Finance Union at the plant, said that

the order was "fantastic news".

Rolls-Royce will provide each of the three RTM 322 engines for the new helicopters. They will all be built at the Rolls-Royce's Patchway plant on the outskirts of Bristol, which also employs about 5,000 people. A further 200 defence subcontractors are guaranteed work because of the order.

Britain is expected to win a huge order for Hawk trainer aircraft from India worth more than £1 billion. Al-

though no contract has been signed and negotiations are continuing, an agreement to buy at least 48 aircraft is expected within weeks.

The deal will be good news for British Aerospace's workforce at Warton, Lancashire, and at Brough, Humberside, where the Hawk is manufactured.

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Howard toughens 'soft option' of community service

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Secretary issued a set of guidelines yesterday to toughen community service sentences and reaffirmed a blanket ban on probation officers sending offenders on foreign outward-bound style holidays.

Michael Howard angered the probation service by suggesting that community sentences were a soft option that rewarded criminals. In future, probation workers will have to provide courts with an "offence analysis", including an assessment of the consequences of the crime and its impact on the victim, together with a judgment of the offender's attitude and desire to make reparations.

Mr Howard wants magistrates to consider in every case whether young offenders should carry out socially useful projects such as environmental work. Children as young as ten could be made to pick up litter as part of treatment on a supervision

order. He told a press conference in central London: "The days of the community sentence being seen as a soft option are over. Offenders should be punished for their crimes."

He added: "We want no more cases where offenders serving community sentences appear to be enjoying recreation by another means. The public has a right to expect that community sentences mean punishment, that offenders will pay for their activities."

The new standards are the latest in a series of measures intended to toughen community sentences and overhaul the probation service. Last month Mr Howard announced a shake-up in probation officer training that will end the need for them to have a social work qualification and is aimed at encouraging more men and mature recruits.

Senior probation officers say they have become the

target of unfair ministerial attack. Mary Honeyball, general secretary of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, accused the Home Secretary of denigrating the service. She said: "Michael Howard's clear suggestion that most community sentences reward offenders for their crimes is an appalling slur on the probation service and other public agencies which are doing an immense amount of work to reduce crime."

Ms Honeyball accused the Home Secretary of confusing toughness with effectiveness. "Community sentences already contain a real element of punishment and are already making a powerful contribution to reducing offending."

The number of offenders who began community sentences in 1993 was 106,520. Yesterday's announcement is part of the drive launched last year by John Major to rid Britain of its "job culture".

Energetic president thinks on his feet

By ROB HUGHES

WHILE London sleeps, a visiting head of state rises at 5am for his jog in Regent's Park. Kim Young Sam, 67, the President of South Korea, is on a six-nation tour of Europe and starts his day with a half-hour run.

For a president who recently banned members of his entourage from playing golf because it was "a valuable waste of government officials' time", the purpose of his exercise is spelt out. An aide plodding along behind says: "This is not just physical, it is mental refreshment. While he is running he is thinking of what he will say to your Prime Minister, what he will say in his important speech at the UN conference in Copenhagen on Saturday."

Afterwards the president met Tony Blair, the Labour leader, before laying a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier at Westminster Abbey. He concluded his two-day visit to Britain with a dinner at 10 Downing Street, last night hosted by John Major.



Kim Young Sam, who banned his officials from playing golf as "a waste of time"

Woman, 64, used guide to suicide

A 64-year-old retired teacher who had terminal cancer killed herself after reading a guide to suicide. The book was found at Barbara Brayshaw's home in Dymock, Gloucestershire, where she took a drug overdose. An inquest in Gloucester was told yesterday that she made careful preparations and sent suicide notes to her doctor and stepdaughter. Alan Crickmore, deputy coroner, condemned the book but did not name it.

Docks clash

Three people were injured and three arrested when up to 200 animal rights protesters clashed with police at Millbay Docks, Plymouth, early yesterday in an attempt to halt a convoy of 17 lorries carrying calves and lambs for export.

Rope death

An inquest at Show-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, was told that Richard Gough, 32, a car mechanic from Melksham, Wiltshire, tied a rope to a post in a car park, put the other end round his neck and drove away. Verdict: suicide.

Scientists warm to a lunar theory

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

FIFTEEN years of satellite data have finally proved that the Earth is warmer when the Moon is full.

The difference, however, is scarcely noticeable — a bare fifth of 1°C between new moon and full moon. The tiny difference explains why it has taken so long to prove weather variations swamp its effects.

Dr Robert Balling and Dr Randall Cerveny of Arizona State University have examined the temperature record using measurements by satellites in polar orbits. Between January 1979 and August 1994 the satellites made daily records of the temperature of the lowest four miles of the atmosphere, averaged over the whole world.

The temperatures vary little. The highest, on December 29, 1987, was just over 1°C higher than the lowest on August 2, 1992, after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines.

The most likely reason why the Earth is warmer when the Moon is full is that it reflects more of the Sun's heat. Lunar influences on rainfall, cloudiness and thunderstorms may also contribute.

Next-door style

Anthony Rushworth, 32, fitted his home in Leigh, Greater Manchester, with articles stolen from a neighbour. He was jailed for six months for handling stolen goods.

Pensioner attack

A woman aged 73 had her skull fractured as a mugger took her bag containing only a broom in Newtown, Birmingham. Marion Higgins was seriously ill in hospital.

Smoke alarm

James Ryan, of Chorley, Lancashire, set himself and his mother ablaze when he lit a cigarette after reporting a gas leak at their home. Both were treated for burns.

African show

South African works of art are to be shown in London for the first time since the end of apartheid. The Royal Academy of Arts is to put on a show of African art in October.

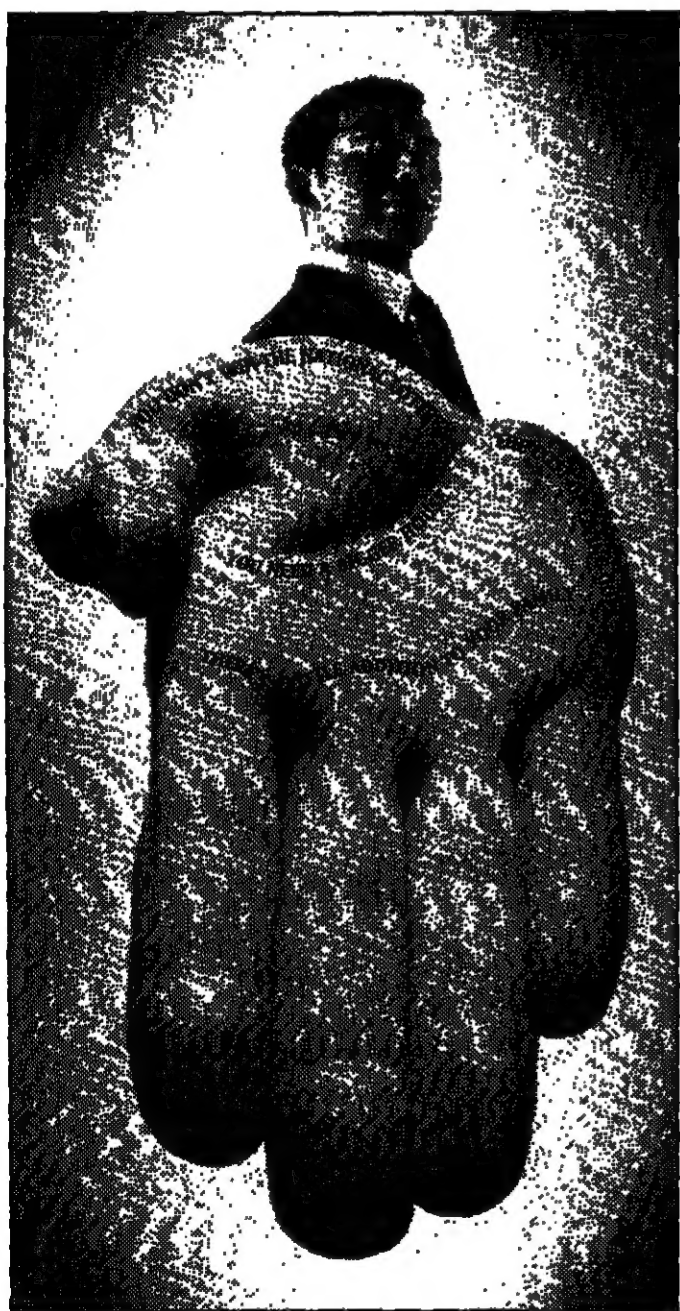
In the doghouse

As Andrew Watkins was checking the takings from his two pubs in Driffield, Humberside, his guard dog, Feist, snatched £1,000 in cash, chewing up all but £18.

Tight squeeze

Jason Evans, 18, had to be cut free by police after becoming stuck in a car flap while trying to get into his own home at Eastleigh, Hampshire, in the early hours.

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In the last two years, Professor Etzioni's ideas have been taken up by politicians as diverse as President Clinton and Chancellor Kohl, Jack Kemp and Al Gore. He argues that we need to balance rights with responsibilities and that instead of leaving everything to the state or the market we need to build up the intermediate institutions of the voluntary sector, schools and the family.

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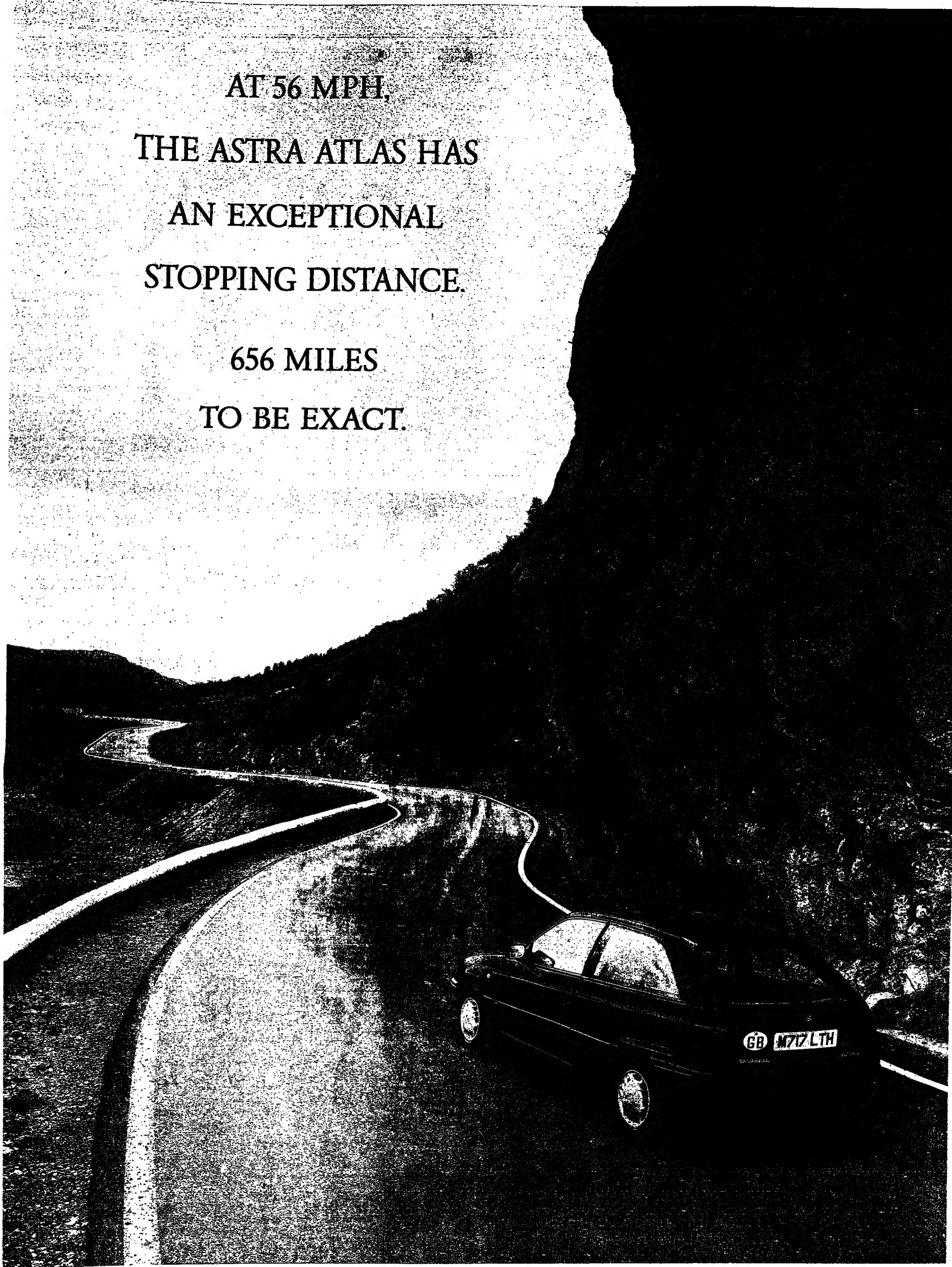
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Solicitors to lose their case for wearing wigs

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

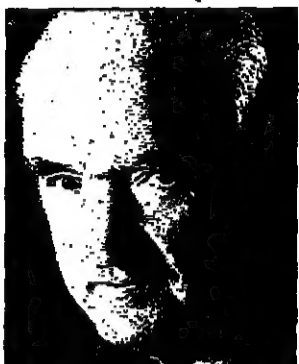
THE Lord Chancellor is to expect to end the long and heated debate on wigs with a decision this month that solicitor-advocates must remain bareheaded.

The decision would infuriate the hundred or more solicitor-advocates, many of whom want the freedom to wear 18th-century horsehair in court. It would also contradict advice given to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, by his committee on the legal profession under Lord Steyn, the law lord.

Lord Steyn, in a letter to Lord Mackay before Christmas, said that if the justification for wigs was that they added dignity to court proceedings, that could not possibly justify a prohibition on solicitor-advocates wearing wigs in those very same court proceedings. If the purpose of wigs was to underline the equality of advocates before the courts, then "in the eyes of the court all advocates ought to be treated as equal in every respect".

Yesterday Paul Hampton, chairman of the Solicitors' Association of Higher Court Advocates, which has made representations to the Lord Chancellor to be allowed to wear wigs, said: "If this turns out to be the case, it would be extremely disappointing."

"It would clearly be something which we feel puts solicitor-advocates at a serious disadvantage [compared to barristers] because a number of people believe that wearing of wigs in court confers a competitive advantage on the wearer." Now that solicitors could obtain a certificate enabling them to take cases in the Crown Court and above, there would be some advocates with wigs and some without appearing before a bewigged judge, he said. "The problem is that in the eyes of people in court, this is likely to show a close affinity between the wig-wearing advocate and the wig-wearing judge."



Mackay: expected to reject experts' advice

Last July the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gossforth, issued a temporary practice direction on behalf of Lord Mackay saying that solicitors should not be allowed to wear wigs pending further consultation. The order was issued after protests by barristers at seeing solicitors in Crown Courts wearing wigs.

The order stated Queen's Counsel were to wear a short wig and silk or stuff gown and junior counsel a short wig and stuff gown with bands, but solicitors a black stuff gown with bands but no wig.

The wig debate began when Lord Taylor came to office in 1992 and shocked traditionalists by saying he would not mind removing wigs altogether. They looked "slightly ridiculous", he said.

An 18-month consultation exercise followed and the overwhelming verdict from public and profession was that wigs should stay, despite support for them to go among barristers working in the commercial court.

The Bar conducted spot checks on the circuits to find out where wig-wearing solicitors had been seen. They found that the attitude of judges was inconsistent. In Birmingham and Lincoln, for example, wig-wearing solicitors were reported after being given permission by assistant recorders. On the North Eastern circuit, a "sprinkling of solicitors" wearing wigs was reported but in Bradford two judges had reportedly refused to allow wigs.

The Bar also took leading counsel's advice. Robert Owen, QC, said they were justified in opposing solicitors and stated that solicitors should not be "allowed to pass themselves off as barristers".

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Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds in *Persuasion*, adapted for BBC2 by Nick Dear

BBC2 to show play of Scott inquiry

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is to screen a drama based on the Scott inquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair.

Half the Picture is to be shown on BBC2 during the week that the inquiry's findings are published, expected to be in June. The film, made by Freeway Films, is based on the Tricycle Theatre production of the play by Richard Norton-Taylor and John McGrath. Sylvia Syms again plays Margaret Thatcher, having appeared in Granada's *Thatcher* — *The Final Days*, in 1991. Announcing the new Screen Two season yesterday, George Fabb, head of single drama at the BBC, said that the play was one of several that would deal with topical issues.

The season also includes an adaptation of David Hare's *The Absence of War*, a fictional study of the trials of a reforming Labour Party leader during a general election. The first film version of Jane Austen's *Persuasion* will be screened next month.

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TV rivals prompt World Service to change its timing

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC WORLD Service Radio is to make significant changes to its English-language broadcasts in an attempt to beat off growing competition from international cable and satellite television.

From April 1, the World Service will stop broadcasting its English-language programming simultaneously around the globe. Instead, programmes will be transmitted at different times in five time-zones to coincide with local needs.

Thirty-seven million people regularly tune into the English-language broadcasts. Sam Younger, managing director of World Service Radio, said: "By putting programmes into more time-slots that are suitable for local listeners we hope not only to maintain our audiences, but to grow and increase them."

Mr Younger admitted that World Service Radio, which has a total audience of 130 million for its 41 language services, was losing listeners in countries where there had been a big expansion of media services. In addition to competitors such as CNN and the BBC's own World Service Television satellite channels, local operators such as the Hindi channel Zee TV in India

are drawing away BBC audiences. There has also been a significant fall in Eastern European listeners since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Unlike the domestic BBC service, which is funded by the television licence fee, World Service Radio is financed by a grant from the Foreign Office. The grant is being cut by 8 per cent in real terms between 1994 and 1997 and the corporation is anxious to safeguard its funding for the three-year period to 2000. "Put crudely, we are introducing these schedule changes to maximise our audience reach, which will give us the best arguments *vis-à-vis* funding," Mr Younger said.

A former department manager has been appointed chief executive of the Radio Authority. Tony Stoller, 47, from Hampshire, who managed part of the John Lewis Partnership for ten years, will take over on July 1 after the retirement of Peter Baldwin.

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By HENRI FITZPATRICK

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BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

The ruling was a rejection of fears expressed by Charles Wardle, a former immigration minister, who resigned from the Government last month

His lawyer argued that Article 7a of the treaty contemplated a single market with no

Claude Moraes, director of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said the judgment was extremely harsh. "It is completely wrong that we have to wait for free movement until some point at which external borders are strong enough. It is impossible for external frontiers to be watertight," Mr Flynn, who is to appeal, said that nine years after the signing of the Single European Act, people were no nearer free movement



By JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

□ Staff at Liverpool Street station handed out 25,000 chocolate bars to rush-hour commuters in recompense for severe delays last week. The Spira bars were given away on Tuesday with letters from Great Eastern Railways apologising for a "nightmare domino effect" of breakdowns and a power cut on March 1.

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

born from 12 captivity.

Dr. Jon Wenton, a member of the Norwegian team, said yesterday that the 1993 test made on 38 peregrine falcons claimed to have been bred in captivity showed that all but two had in fact been taken from the wild. Since then, the number of young peregrines registered had fallen from 360 to 270 a year and the number of goshawks from 154 to 115 — a 25 per cent fall in both cases.

□ A 7ft female leatherback turtle washed up at Brighouse Bay on the Solway Firth on Boxing Day was killed by a plastic bag.

□ A postman aged 40 at the Scottish Agricultural College at Inverness also showed the turtle had a tin hook in one of its flippers.

By HENRY FITZHERBERT

Asda: Peppers four for £1.69; family roaster chicken, £3.99 for 5lb; cornflakes, 99p for 750g.

Budgens: Hellmann's mayonnaise, 400g for 99p; Muller fruit/corner crunch yogurt, 29p for 175g.

Co-op: 4 Snickers ice cream, £1.49; 1.5l Vimto cordial,

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Garden anniversary soup,
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mushrooms, 76p/lb; smoked
bacon joints, £1.09/lb;
ruby red grapefruit, 29p.
Tesco: whole lemon sole,
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Inquiry ordered after airlift brain patient dies

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has ordered a regional health authority to explain why a man who suffered head injuries in a hit-and-run accident in Kent had to be flown 200 miles to Leeds for treatment. The man died late on Wednesday night.

Tom Sackville, junior health minister, has called for a report into the case after doctors at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, were unable to find a neurosurgical intensive care unit in the South East to take the man.

An independent report on neurosurgical facilities in the South East, produced in 1993 as part of the Tomlinson review of London's hospitals, said that many provided a "dangerously inadequate level of care". It said patients who needed emergency neurosurgery after a road traffic accident were "likely to receive a better level of treatment in several other major cities than in London".

Malcolm Murray, 45, was hit by a van outside a public house in Orpington on Monday night after being involved in a fight minutes earlier. He

was taken by ambulance to Queen Mary's, where doctors began a frantic search for a neurosurgical unit able to treat him. The nearest specialist unit, at the Brook Hospital, Woolwich, southeast London, was closed by an outbreak of infection. A bed was eventually found at Leeds General Infirmary.

Mr Murray was flown by RAF helicopter with a medical team to Leeds in the early



Sackville: "Difficult balance to be struck"

hours of Tuesday. He was operated on immediately but died on Wednesday night.

Mr Sackville said yesterday: "I extend my deepest sympathy to Mr Murray's family. I welcome the urgent investigation set up by the South Thames Regional Office. I am expecting their report as soon as possible."

Mr Sackville said that demand for intensive care beds fluctuated and health authorities had to decide on the level of provision for local populations. "There is a difficult balance to be struck," he said.

There are 13 neurosurgical centres in London and the South East but a spokeswoman for Queen Mary's was unable to say how many had been contacted before doctors found the bed in Leeds.

Rab Hyde, consultant neurosurgeon at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, who chaired the 1993 review of London's neurosurgical centres, said he stood by his warning that road accident victims were at higher risk in the capital. "A lot of the units in London are small and lack

the capacity to respond to fluctuations in demand. There is also an overall shortage of intensive care beds."

In the Commons, the Prime Minister provoked Labour anger when he defended Mr Murray's flight to Leeds. Jim Dowd, Labour MP for Lewisham West, said: "Does this not demonstrate conclusively that the bed closure programme your Government is pursuing in London has gone too far?"

John Major replied: "Although the full facts of the case are not yet in front of me, I do understand that Mr Murray required a very highly specialised form of treatment where Leeds were particularly in a position to help. That was the medical decision that was taken. Beyond that, we will have to wait for the result of the inquiry." Labour MPs cried "Shame!"

Police are considering pressing murder charges against Samuel Ripley, 33, of Orpington, who has appeared before Bromley magistrates charged with the attempted murder of Mr Murray.



After two years of treatment, three-year-old Jade Harris shows off her new smile

Jade puts a smiling face on the world

JADE HARRIS can smile properly for the first time in her short life, thanks to surgeons who have transformed her features and neighbours who raised £3,000 to send her for treatment.

Jade, 3, was born with First Arch Syndrome, a condition that contorted her face so badly that she had difficulty breathing. Rarely, the condition affected both sides of her face.

Doctors at the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, London, concerned that Jade might suffer brain damage because of oxygen starvation, decided to operate.

After two years of treatment and two major operations, Karen, 25, and Graham Harris, 36, have seen their daughter smile for the first time. Mrs Harris, of Middlesbrough, Cleveland, said: "Jade now looks like a little angel, and to see her smile properly for the first time was the best moment of our lives."



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Deaf ear turned to brain tumour clue

Dr Thomas Stuttard

DOCTORS are wary of patients with deafness in one ear. In the past, the patients blamed such things as shooting, an explosion during the war or flying in old-fashioned aircraft. Now more often the constant use of the telephone is thought to account for their troubles.

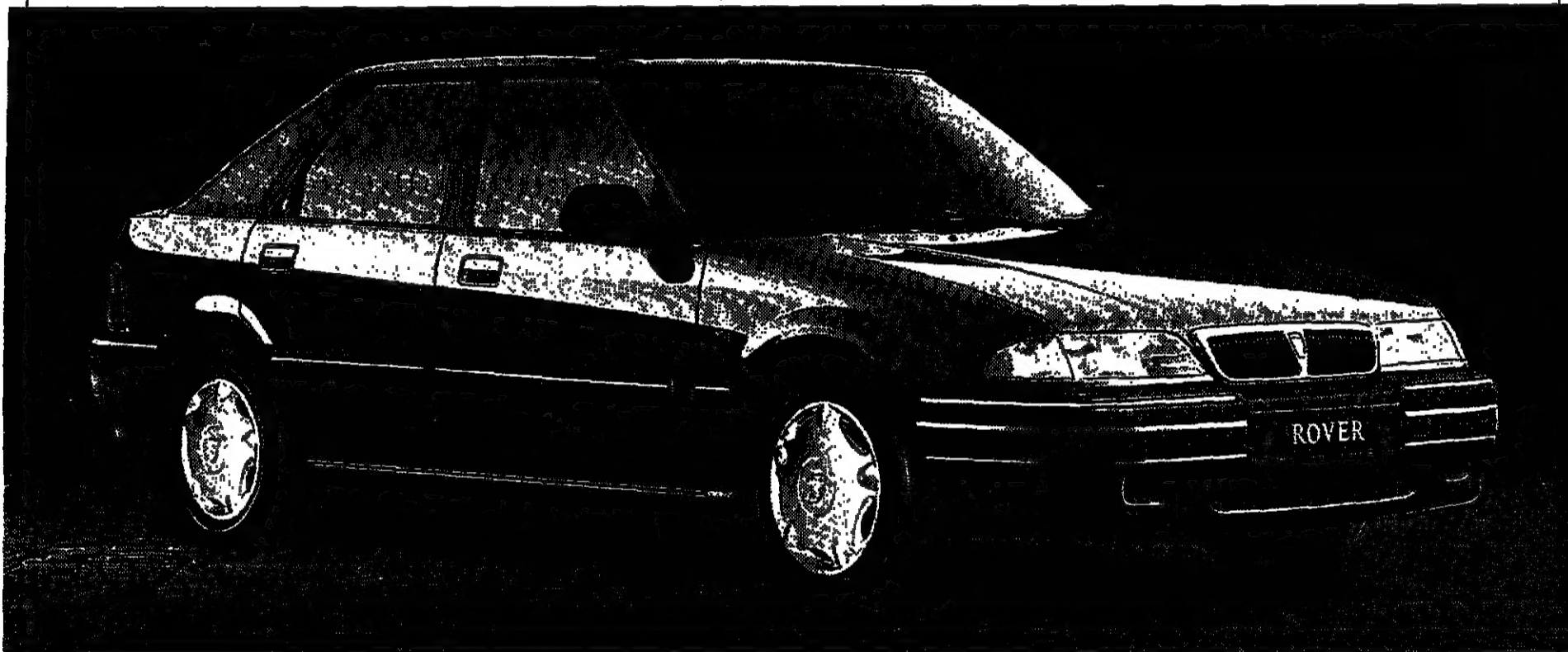
Too frequently the explanation is not the true one and they are suffering from an acoustic neuroma, a tumour that grows on the eighth nerve, the cranial nerve that leads from the brain to the ear. Acoustic neuromas are comparatively common and account for 7 per cent of intracranial tumours.

Doctors' anxiety that they may be missing a neuroma will not be eased by the March edition of *Vogue*. Michael Shawcross, formerly the medical and science correspondent for BBC2's *Newsnight*, writes of her struggle to persuade her medical advisers that she was physically ill and not suffering from viral fatigue, food intolerance or hypochondria. She visited six British doctors. All missed the diagnosis

and only when she returned to her native Cape Town did a professor of gastroenterology, spot the sign that gave him the diagnosis. As the tumour grows, it presses on adjacent nerves. There may be facial weakness, facial pain or numbness, and the corneal reflex from the eye is lost.

This was the vital clue that the gastroenterologist picked up. The cornea loses its sensitivity so that the patient no longer blinks when the eye is lightly touched. As the tumour grows even larger, it presses on the cerebellum and brain stem so that symptoms of raised intra-cranial pressure, including severe headaches, changes in mood, nausea, a staggering gait and poor co-ordination predominate. Little wonder that Ms Shawcross crashed her car.

She had brain surgery in America, where a tumour the size of a peach was removed. An alternative would have been Stockholm, where new techniques in radiotherapy are producing as good a result without the risk of damaging healthy tissue.



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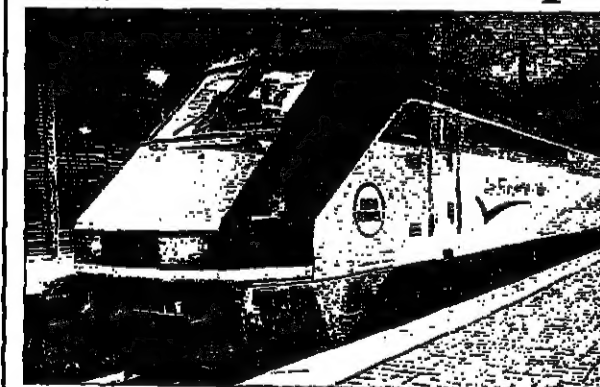


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The normal price for a five-day short break return crossing through the Channel tunnel on Le Shuttle in April is up to £150 - but we have pegged it at the winter rate of £75 until the end of the month for a car, driver and passengers. Collect four of the six tokens which are appearing each day until Monday and complete the form which appeared on Tuesday and you will also qualify for the special duty-free offer. Travel must be completed by April 30 1995 and excludes April 14, 15 and 16. You must book at least ten days before you intend to travel. Full terms and conditions appeared on Tuesday.

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Tories seek to oust Janner as head of high pay inquiry

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

BACKBENCH Tory MPs demanded the resignation last night of Creville Janner, the Labour MP chairing the Commons inquiry into executive pay in the privatised utilities.

There was also speculation that those Tories who sit on the committee will take the rare step next week of challenging Mr Janner's position as chairman.

The backbenchers are outraged that Mr Janner, who is meant to be the scourge of the highly paid privatised industry bosses, has a business empire of his own that helps the same chief executives to improve their presentational skills.

The MPs have also demanded a Commons debate on the question of referring their claims about Mr Janner to the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Mr Janner, MP for Leicester West, who chairs the Commons Employment Select Committee, which examines alleged excesses in pay and perks, reveals in his reputation for putting brutal questions to top bosses from privatised monopolies such as Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas. He likes to claim the

credit for having alerted the public and media to their rising salaries and having forced John Major into saying that he was ready to legislate to curb excesses.

But Tory MPs say that he has a conflict of interests and even his Labour colleagues say that his bullying as Grand Inquisitor has become embarrassing and is risking the impossible — making people feel sorry for Mr Brown and his £475,000 salary.

In an emergency Commons motion last night, 16 Tories accused Mr Janner, a director of JSB Group, which advises several privatised companies including British Gas and National Power, of having a conflict of interests. They also condemned him for his role in the award of a huge salary and share-option scheme to the chairman and directors of Ladbroke. Mr Janner is a £25,000-a-year non-executive director and member of the remuneration committee of Ladbroke plc, whose chairman earns £583,000 — about £108,000 more than Mr Brown. Five directors were granted 1.3 million share options worth £2.3 million. He is also one of the richest

members of the House of Commons and the son of a peer. His company teaches people how to cope with the media and charges up to £2,000 a day.

The Commons motion calling for his resignation noted that he was "interviewing leading industrialists and businessmen on their remuneration packages, while at the same time offering these people his services on how to improve their public speaking and presentational skills".

MPs are also angry at the way the flamboyant Mr Janner has dominated the headlines. One backbench Labour MP said: "It is nauseating to see Mr Brown, a man who began his working life at 16 with a pick and shovel and made something of himself with his bare hands being witch-hunted by a man who earns his money — and a lot of money — rather more easily." Alan Duncan, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton, said: "He has turned the Select Committee system into a vulgar stunt on prime-time TV. We have learnt nothing from his antics. It is time he was removed as chairman." But Dennis Skinner, Lab-



our MP for Bolsover, said: "If we investigated the chairmanship of all the select committees held by Tory backbenchers, we would almost certainly find a conflict of interest in nearly every case."

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by debates on the South Africa Bill, all stages, and the developing parliamentary broadcasting archives. The Lords debated the Environment Bill and the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act (Enforcement of External Orders) Order. TODAY: MPs are taking their first constituency Friday under the reform of Commons working hours. The House of Lords is not sitting.

Why Blair must win today's battle in Scotland

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair has problems in Scotland, and not just because of this afternoon's vote on Clause Four. His New Labour approach has made less of an impact north of the border than in England. This matters since, unlike in England, Labour faces stiff competition in its traditional strongholds as the Scottish Nationalists seek to attract working-class votes.

The Blair effect has appealed more to middle-class people disillusioned with the Tories than to working-class voters. This is in part because of Mr Blair's appearance, as a metropolitan professional. But it is mainly his language. His embrace of middle-income Britain strikes a chord in the suburbs and the South, but not on rundown council estates. His talk of aspirations, of being in the mainstream, does not excite those who feel excluded. No matter that Mr Blair's proposals on crime, education etc could do as much. If not more, for working-class people as for the discontented middle-classes. Mr Blair does not appear to be banging the drum on behalf of Labour's core working-class voters. Even Labour MPs who are close allies of the Labour leader report a difference in the class response. Party supporters who warmed to John Smith do not identify so closely with Mr Blair.

All these factors apply even more in Scotland where political attitudes are different. There is a stronger tradition of collectivism and public provision there, particularly in and around Glasgow where the Scottish Nationalists are strongly challenging Labour.

These class and regional contrasts are brought out in various MORI polls for *The Times*. Support for Labour nationally rose most sharply among managers and professional people between the start of last year, before Mr Smith died, and the end of the year, after Mr Blair's election. The increase was from 33 to 45 per cent. The rise among unskilled workers was much smaller, up from an already high 61 to 69 per cent. Mr Blair's personal approval ratings have improved most sharply com-

pared with Mr Smith among middle-class rather than working-class voters.

In addition, Mr Blair's approval rating is far lower in Scotland than in the rest of the country. The MORI index which measures those satisfied less dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job stands at plus six points in Scotland, but plus 26 points in Britain as a whole. Labour support among working class Scots was flat during the course of last year, and rose less among the middle classes than in England. This cannot be explained just by the fact that Mr Smith was quintessentially Scottish, while Mr Blair is, despite his years at school in Edinburgh, seen as distinctively English.

As this week's System Three poll in *The Herald* showed, Labour is still way ahead of any other party in Scotland as Tory support has collapsed since the last election. The Scottish Nationalists are a strong second and are clear favourites to win the Perth and Kinross by-election despite their initial disarray over their choice of candidate. The unionists have tended to adopt different approaches depending on whether they are fighting the Tories, as in Perth and other north-eastern seats, or fighting Labour, as in Strathclyde.

Labour therefore has to adopt a different approach in Scotland from the rest of the country. There will be less of New Labour than in England and more about bringing power back to Scotland from Westminster via a directly elected parliament with tax-raising powers.

Today's vote over Clause Four matters in Scottish terms as well as for Mr Blair's attempt to change the party's constitution at the special conference on April 29. A defeat this afternoon may be just a public relations setback for Mr Blair's national battle, but it could have much longer and deeper effects on the party's standing in Scotland.

PETER RIDDELL

Major is accused of power double-deal

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR accused the Government yesterday of incompetence or double-dealing over the sale of its remaining stake in National Power and PowerGen.

The Labour leader levelled the charge in the Commons after John Major admitted that the Government was aware that the electricity regulator was considering new price controls before it decided to go ahead with the sale.

Mr Major said the Treasury had taken independent legal advice "at the end of last week" on whether the share sale prospectus was still accurate. The advice was that

"even if the issue of price controls for the regional electricity companies was reopened, that was not material to the share sale of the generating companies". The generating companies were "subject to a wholly different basis of regulation".

Mr Blair said: "Isn't the short truth that the privatisation programme, already damaged by boardroom excess and customer complaints, is now tarnished by at best incompetence and at worst double-dealing by Government?"

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Delegates given Clause 4 warning

By JILL SHERMAN AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

TONY BLAIR will urge delegates to Labour's Scottish conference today not to "cop out" of updating the party's constitution.

The Labour leader will make a personal plea to the conference in Inverness an hour before the crucial vote on rewriting Clause Four. The trade unions and constituencies are still evenly split over whether to back Mr Blair's attempt to scrap the party's commitment to nationalisation. But last night the Scottish executive voted 18-12 to back a pro-change motion from the public service union Unison.

Delegates will have a choice of voting for a new Clause Four or for an addition to the

present clause, but there will be no middle ground. Unison's draft will reaffirm Labour's commitment to public ownership where justified on the grounds of efficiency and equity and will seek to ensure a socially responsible and accountable regulated private sector. It will emphasise Labour's support for equality, social justice and international solidarity.

Although the wording of Mr Blair's proposed clause, which is to be put to Labour's national executive on Monday, has still to be finalised, he is expected to outline the principles behind it in his speech today.

He will talk of the need for a

country where "individuals flourish, where rights and responsibilities are recognised, and where power wealth and opportunity are in the hands of the man and not the few". He will make clear that the new clause will back a strong private sector and a strong public sector in a mixed economy that serves the public interest. He will warn delegates, however, that there is no question of just adding to the present words of Clause Four. "Simply adding to Clause Four will be a cop-out," he will say. "If people really believe they want to keep Clause Four then let them argue their case."

Last night the two camps —

for and against change — were doing their utmost to gather last-minute support. The leaving MP Tony Benn addressed a rally to convince delegates to retain Clause Four, while Glenda Jackson held a fringe meeting to argue the opposite case.

Mr Blair arrived with his entourage late last night. He will not address the conference until 2.30pm today, leaving him plenty of time to twist the arms of wavering delegates.

Immediately after his speech, the conference will be asked to vote on the Clause Four resolution. Last night Jack McConnell, the Scottish General Secretary, described the vote as too close to call.

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Prosecutor says 'third force' ordered bomber to disrupt elections

Police informer admits bombings in Johannesburg

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE man who built the bomb which exploded in the centre of Johannesburg last year, killing nine people and injuring many others, including Simon Walker, a photographer with *The Times*, was revealed yesterday to be a police informer.

Jacob Koekemoer was accused by defence counsel in a Johannesburg trial of being a "third force" operative, who was ordered by his controllers to disrupt last year's elections and smear the name of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB).

Mr Koekemoer is the prosecution's star witness at the trial of 26 members of the AWB, including members of its élite Iron Guard. They are accused of 20 counts of murder and 46 of attempted murder.

Yesterday Mr Koekemoer was pressed by one of the team of defence advocates, Louisa van der Walt, who constantly wanted to know how Mr Koekemoer could work for the police and at the same time assemble enormous bombs, some with more than 100 kilos of explosive, which he knew would kill innocent people.

Why, she asked him a number of times, did he not tell the police what he was doing? He had worked for the police for two years, and furthermore the bombs could not have been made without his expertise. Mrs van der Walt insisted.

Mr Koekemoer maintained that he was in fear of his life. He explained that all the conspirators were on an isolated farm north of Pretoria, and he had been told that if he left he would be shot. He did not

dare telephone the police because the only phones available were on party lines and the AWB men often eavesdropped on calls. He believed that if he refused to build the bombs he would have been killed.

Occasionally Mr Koekemoer appealed to the judge to protect him from Mrs van der Walt's attacks, but Mr Justice Flemming gave him no satisfaction.

"If the advocate had been in my shoes," Mr Koekemoer implored the judge, "how would she have felt? It was my life or another person's life."

The judge retorted: "Not one other person, but another 20 or 100 other people. Answer the question."

"Why," insisted Mrs van der Walt, dangling her reading glasses and leaning towards the witness box in eager



Walker: Times man was injured in blast

anticipation. "Did you not tell them you had to go to work, and simply walk away?"

Mr Koekemoer replied with a smile: "At that time I did not have a job."

Later, he strenuously denied that he deliberately failed to inform the police of the planned terror campaign because he had been ordered to follow through by a "third force".

The first bomb to go off exploded in Bree St in the centre of Johannesburg. Among those wounded was Mr Walker, who was in South Africa to cover the election. He was badly hurt and spent some time in hospital and later received trauma counselling.

"That bomb was terrible," said Mrs van der Walt. "You built that bomb; you saw the damage it caused; you saw the dead and injured people. You did not share the Iron Guard ideals; you were a police informer, but you were not prepared to risk telephoning the criminal intelligence service to prevent further deaths. Your safety was more important."

Then, in an apparent change of tack, she said: "You built the bombs because you were ordered to make the AWB's name mud; you were ordered to create chaos, to sow a fear psychosis and disrupt the elections."

"No," protested Mr Koekemoer. "If they were prepared to kill all those innocent people what would they have done to me if they had found out that I was an informer? The trial is continuing."

Meeting agreed: Winnie Mandela, the President's es-



Police clear away bystanders after the Johannesburg bomb which killed nine

tranged wife, has finally agreed to meet Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, thus ending a tense stand-off in which she pointedly defied both her husband and Mr Mbeki. The meeting will take place today in Pretoria.

Ricky Naidoo, a spokesman for Mr Mbeki, said that the

Deputy President wrote to Mrs Mandela after she failed to attend two scheduled meetings earlier this week.

"The Deputy President sent a letter to her and said it was in the interest of the whole country they should meet to resolve the issue," he added. Today's meeting will focus

on Mrs Mandela's visit to West Africa in defiance of her husband's ban on her leaving the country. It will not deal with allegations of corruption in housing deals, which would have to wait until police had completed their investigations, said a spokesman for Mr Mbeki.

US offers reward of \$2m to find Karachi killers

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KARACHI

AMERICA last night offered a reward of \$2 million (£1.2 million) for information about the killers of two American diplomats who were shot in Karachi on Wednesday. It emerged yesterday that a police vehicle equipped with a machinegun watched the killers escape rather than risk confrontation.

A yellow taxi used by the assassins was found abandoned near a police station. It had been stolen 50 minutes before the attack, the motive for which is still unclear.

John Monjo, the US Ambassador to Pakistan, announced the reward at a press conference in Karachi. He said agents from the FBI were on their way to help Pakistani authorities to gather evidence for possible prosecution in the United States.

"The terrorist murder of Americans overseas is also a crime under American law and the US Government is empowered to pursue the perpetrators and bring them to justice," he said. Mr Monjo rejected suggestions that the diplomats were inadequately protected.

There is no such thing as perfect security for anyone in this world when determined and violent individuals set out to kill and terrorise. The rest of us can offer only courage as we go about our lives and work.

Few killers in Pakistan's lawless commercial capital are ever caught, and the FBI will be hard-pressed to penetrate the complex ethnic and sectarian loyalties that will surround and protect the assassins. Thousands of Pakistani intelligence operatives have failed to expose even one of the many terrorist groups operating in Karachi.

It is by no means certain that the killers are Pakistani. For all its public condemnation of Islamic extremists, the country shelters many radical Islamic groups from around

the world. The Pakistani driver of the van in which the American diplomats were travelling said he believed the killers were Pakistani. This does not rule out the possibility that they were working for a foreign group.

Tanvir Ahmed, a traffic constable, said that as the Americans were being shot, a police vehicle with a machinegun on the roof arrived. He pointed out the yellow getaway cab, but police told him: "Stupid, shall we get killed by chasing these people?"

"The policemen were so unconcerned they did not even bother to look in the direction of the getaway car. With a little courage, they could have got to the terrorists," the constable said.

Karachi has 20,000 policemen and 15,000 paramilitary forces whose combined might has failed to halt the city's slide into chaos. There has been a political vacuum in the city since 1992, when the municipal corporation was wound up following the army's deployment on the streets. The military pulled out late last year.

The Pakistan People's Party, headed by Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, has refused to hold elections for a new city authority, aware that it would almost certainly lose. The absence of representative government has led to the virtual collapse of civic services, which has bred resentment and fed an atmosphere of crisis.

America has often sent investigators to study terrorism. It did so after the US Embassy in Islamabad was destroyed in an arson attack in 1979; in 1985, after the hijacking of a Pan Am aircraft in Karachi in which 21 people died, and two years ago to find Almal Kansi, who killed two CIA officials outside CIA headquarters near Washington. They visited recently in connection with the World Trade Centre bombing.

Gingrich delays vote on congress terms

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ONE week after the Senate defeated the balanced budget amendment, the second centrepiece of the Republicans' Contract with America has run into trouble.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, has been forced to postpone next week's vote on a constitutional amendment limiting how long congressmen may serve because it stood no chance of approval.

Richard Armitage, the Republican House leader, is promising an aggressive drive over the next three weeks to rally support for the Bill, but leading term-limit advocates are accusing the Republicans of "betrayal" and "desertion".

The Republicans promise to limit congressional terms was

the most popular they made during last autumn's campaign. It exemplified their commitment to tear down the old "imperial Congress" that had lost touch with the people and bring back "citizen legislators".

In office, the Republicans' enthusiasm for the measure has rapidly waned. There is a consensus that senators should be limited to two six-year terms, but no agreement on how long Representatives should be allowed to serve.

Some Republicans, mostly the newcomers, are holding out for three two-year terms, which is what most Americans want. Mr Gingrich, who has already served 16 years, heads a group that favours six two-

year terms. Some believe the states should be allowed to set their own limits, and others oppose any limits at all. The House Judiciary Committee approved a 12-year limit with congressmen able to serve another 12 years after a two-year break.

As a constitutional amendment, the measure needs two-thirds support in the House and the Senate, but Mr Gingrich is at least 60 votes short of the required 290 in the House. The "Republican Revolution" is hitting rough water on other fronts as well. House Republicans yesterday unveiled details of their promised middle-class tax cuts, but leading Republican senators suggested they had no intention of

approving them. The Republicans are also in danger of losing the public relations battle. Democrats are seizing on measures to help corporate America and proposed cuts in programmes for the poor, including school lunches, to paint the Republicans as heartless. Exhausted by the demands of their 100-day legislative agenda, Republicans admit they have done a poor job of presentation.

A Wall Street Journal poll yesterday showed just 27 per cent support for Mr Gingrich, 45 per cent for President Clinton, and 51 per cent for Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader who is seen as a brake on Mr Gingrich's wilder schemes. Despite their

setbacks, House Republicans are pressing ahead with other measures in their contract. This week they have overwhelmingly improved legal reforms designed to crack down on frivolous lawsuits against companies, and three committees approved the most far-reaching reform of the welfare system in 50 years, ready for a full House vote later this month.

Mr Clinton quietly signed an executive order on Wednesday banning government contracts with firms that hire replacement workers during strikes. This was a blatant attempt to shore up his trade union support, and the Republicans immediately vowed to fight it.

Software 'nigger' prompts lawsuit

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A BLACK man who did a search for the word "nigger" in a computerised encyclopaedia and found six references has sued the makers of the computer software for \$40 million (£27 million), claiming the racist epithet caused him and his sons severe emotional distress.

Compton's Newmedia, the California-based manufacturer of the CD-ROM encyclopaedia, maintains that all the references to the word "nigger" are literary or historical, and has dismissed the suit as "just plain silly".

Thomas Wallace of Omaha, Nebraska, says he inadvertently typed the word "nigger" while searching for information on the Niger River to help his son with his homework. After his first suit against the software company was dismissed by a Nebraska court last December Mr Wallace, who is vice-president of minority business affairs for an Omaha construction company, filed another this week in Los Angeles federal court. The complaint names the Tribune Company of Chicago, Compton's parent company, and the shop where the computer programme was purchased. Tribune said the complaint was "without merit".

Gangs and zealots tear city apart

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

THE near-collapse of Karachi, where killings continued yesterday, has confronted Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani Prime Minister, with the failure of the greatest opportunity for democracy in the country's history. Only the army, it seems, can halt the city's disintegration, and she is determined not to call them in.

The assassination of the American diplomats has exposed the depth of decay in the nation's commercial capital, a battleground for religious and ethnic feuds as well as the front line of turf wars between rival crime syndicates.

The city seems on the edge of anarchy: after dark, the crack of gunfire is common. The targeting of foreigners could shatter hopes of attracting foreign investment, which has started to flow out faster than it is flowing in. The stockmarket is reeling from the impact of the assassinations, further weakening a broken economy. More than 5 billion rupees (£102 million) was wiped off the value of shares in the Karachi stock exchange within hours of Wednesday's killings.

Religion is tearing Karachi apart. Sunnis, whose religious schools — sometimes described as schools of fundamentalism — are financed by Saudi Arabia and others, are battling with Iranian-backed Shia factions. Shias form 20 per cent of the population.



Bhutto: decidedly soft in dealing with crisis

Both sides are attacking each others' mosques and carrying out a dozen or more murders a day. If the glue of Islam comes apart, Pakistan could split into a mosaic of tribal, ethnic, feudal and sectarian conflicts.

Miss Bhutto came to power in late 1993 with a solid parliamentary majority in the country's fairest, most honest and least violent election. Now there is despair about Pakistan's democratic experiment. Karachi's police are mostly corrupt, as are many of the lower level judiciary.

The city is also torn by hatred between native Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants from India. Miss Bhutto has been decidedly soft in dealing with the crisis. She has now ordered the arrest of some violent religious fanatics in the improbable expectation that she can improve her image for a visit to the United States next month.

Diary debunks hero of the Alamo

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AMERICA'S most beloved frontiersman did not as a rifle-wielding hero but as a moaning prisoner, according to a professor whose heresies challenge the legend of Davy Crockett.

The King of the Wild Frontier (crowned thus by Walt Disney in 1955) is believed by most Americans to have died bludgeoned Mexican insurgents to death with his rifle butt at the Battle of the Alamo in Texas. In fact he survived the battle only to be executed on the orders of the Mexican dictator, insists Professor James Crisp of North Carolina State University.

Crockett's supposed fate on the steps of San Antonio's Alamo hospice in 1836 is for many a sacred symbol of

America's so-called "manifest destiny" to expand westwards in the 19th century. It also fuelled a Crockett craze in the 1950s, exploited most successfully by Walt Disney's television series and the makers of millions of Crockett-style coonskin caps with furry tails.

But the diary of a senior Mexican officer who witnessed the executions of Crockett and six other survivors soon after the battle is authentic and calls for history to be rewritten. Professor Crisp says.

When the diary, by Lieutenant-Colonel José Enrique de la Peña, was first translated into English in 1975, it was dismissed as a hoax.

But Professor Crisp says previously untranslated sections of the diary and an obscure pamphlet in Yale University's archives will authenticate it once

and for all. "If it is a forgery it is a masterpiece of forgery," he added.

Professor Crisp points out that unless the pamphlet is itself a fake — an unlikely proposition as it was donated to the Yale archives long before the Crockett fad began and has never before been cited in connection with his death — the diary is almost certainly genuine.

The professor knows his findings will dismay die-hard believers in the Crockett legend, including scores of living Crocketts who gathered at the Alamo shrine on Monday for the battle's 150th anniversary.

"Let's face it," he says, "the Disney version of Davy Crockett swinging his rifle, Old Betsy, in the last moments of his life is a lot more heroic than being executed."



Crockett: King of Wild Frontier was 'imprisoned and executed'

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Hogg cancels PLO visit but fails to appease Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BRITAIN yesterday backed down in the face of Israeli resistance to a ministerial visit to Orient House, the Jerusalem headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office Minister of State who was due to accompany John Major on a trip to Israel, cancelled his tour, saying that he would be needed in London.

Britain, however, still faces a diplomatic showdown next week by persisting with plans to send a senior Foreign Office official to visit the PLO headquarters in annexed east Jerusalem despite Israeli protests.

Peace plan progress

Jerusalem: A target date of July 1 was yesterday set for completing the long-delayed second stage of the Middle East peace process (Christopher Walker writes). Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, claimed "significant progress" over the plans, to include Israeli military redeployment from Arab population centres in the occupied West Bank. But after 90 minutes of talks on

the border between Israel and Gaza, independent observers said many obstacles still lay in the path of the redeployment, which is strongly opposed by many Israelis and some senior army officers.

The two leaders also agreed that more Palestinian workers would be allowed into Israel and that negotiations over the release of Palestinian prisoners, which were halted after the suicide bomb that killed 21 Jews on January 22, would be resumed.

Hogg's cancellation lasted only a few hours before the announcement from London that Andrew Green, Under Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs and former Ambassador to Syria, would make the call instead. Orient House is the recently refurbished headquarters of Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO representative in Jerusalem.

Israeli officials emphasised that the compromise used last month by three European Union foreign ministers to call their talks at Orient House a "courtesy visit" would not be accepted this time. Israel claims that all political matters between diplomats and the Palestinian authority can only be discussed in Gaza or Jericho.

Despite the inevitable Israeli protests and possible right-wing demonstrations — when Mr Green pays his call, some of the stung has been taken out of the controversy because he is an official rather than a minister. Protests at the visit will also come from Ehud Olmert, the right-wing Mayor of Jerusalem.

Israeli anger at the PLO visit has been increased because Mr Major is due to spend most of Tuesday in Gaza, where he will meet

Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, and is due to see Mr Husseini at a reception at the British Consulate-General in east Jerusalem. "Surely that should be enough opportunity for talks with the Palestinians," an Israeli official said.

Britain's decision comes at a time when the Israeli Government is under right-wing pressure to close Orient House. East Jerusalem was annexed by Israel after its conquest from Jordan in the 1967 war. Privately, British sources say

that not sending a representative to Orient House would involve Britain falling out of line with its EU partners over the highly sensitive Jerusalem issue.

The British Board of Deputies, representing 300,000 Jews, wrote this week to Mr Major to protest at the planned visit to Orient House (Arthur Leathley writes). The board said last night: "The board wants the Prime Minister's visit to be a success and feels that a visit to Orient

House would be controversial. It would be unfortunate if this visit was overshadowed." It is understood that members of Conservative Friends of Israel, the Tory party's largest grouping of backbench MPs, also voiced opposition to the visit to the PLO Jerusalem headquarters by a minister.

Despite the controversy, Israel last night laid emphasis on the economic aspect of Mr Major's visit. The seniority of the 29 British industrialists accompanying him was seen

as a breakthrough resulting from the peace process. "The fact that so many are coming is a sign that the Arab boycott is a thing of the past," said Moshe Raviv, the Israeli Ambassador in London, who described Mr Major's decision to follow the precedent set by Margaret Thatcher, who became the first Prime Minister to visit in 1986, as the "natural outcome" of recent improvements in Anglo-Israeli ties.

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Douglas Hogg, who was to have accompanied Mr Major to Israel, blamed a heavy workload for the cancellation

Clashes break out in Kabul enclave

Kabul: Sporadic fighting broke out yesterday as Afghanistan's Taleban student militia clashed with forces loyal to President Rabbani in southwest Kabul.

The fighting, particularly fierce south of Dehrazang Square, a strategic area controlled by government troops, came as the Taleban moved into positions in the southwest of the city vacated by the Shia Hezb-i-Wahdat, the President's rivals.

Palace officials said 38 Taleban fighters had been captured and some 20 killed, although this could not be confirmed independently.

The prisoners later said that the student forces had not come to the capital to fight with pro-Rabbani troops, but had been tricked by the Wahdat into passing well beyond their front lines and into the fray with government forces.

The Taleban, a relatively new Islamic movement, reached the edge of Kabul after a succession of victories against various factions fighting in Afghanistan and have pledged to take the capital and establish Islamic law across the country.

Pro-Wahdat and Rabbani forces have been locked in bitter fighting this week that left more than 70 dead and at least 865 wounded, according to hospital sources in the Afghan capital. (AFP)

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Croats back down over threat to expel UN troops

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK AND
TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON

CROATIA appears to be backing down from its threat to expel United Nations peacekeepers at the end of March. Croatia had announced that the 14,000 UN troops on its territory would have to leave at the end of their current mandate on March 31 because of their failure to reintegrate Serb-held areas into the rest of the country.

The Croat decision, initially described as final, raised fears that renewed fighting between the Croats and rebel Croatian Serbs could spark a wider war in the Balkans engulfing not just Bosnia but also Macedonia and Kosovo.

Croatian officials now indicate, however, that they may be willing to accept a continued UN presence of 4,000-6,000 troops with a rewritten mandate that would include policing the international border between Serb-held parts of Croatia and neighbouring Serb-controlled Bosnia.

The apparent shift in position follows heavy pressure from the five Contact Group countries — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — and a visit to Zagreb this week by Richard Holbrooke, the US Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Balkan policy.

Mario Nobile, Croatia's UN Ambassador, was quoted on Wednesday night as saying that UN peacekeepers could stay if their remit was redefined. "We need a new mandate," he said.

"We would not object if some of the people who now serve in the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) would then be transferred — because of their experience in the area — to new tasks." Although dis-



Milosevic courted as potential peacemaker



Karadzic was aware of concentration camps

cussions are continuing, a plan is emerging in which UN troops would remain in Croatia to patrol both the international border and the 700-mile line between the rebel Serbs and Croatian Government forces.

Differences remain over the size of the force and whether they should be unarmed, but all sides agree that any remaining UN presence in Croatia will have to be split off from the rest of Unprofor in Bosnia and Macedonia.

With concern mounting among countries with UN troops in Croatia, the UN

secretariat is pushing Zagreb to make its intentions clear. An announcement from the capital is expected soon.

In Washington yesterday a Bosnian embassy official said that a CIA report detailing atrocities in the conflict paid to the popular argument from the British, French and, to an extent, American governments that this was a civil war where the division of guilt was distributed among the three warring factions.

The report detailing Bosnian Serb atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina was kept secret by the agency to avoid embar-

assment to leading Serb politicians involved in the systematic "ethnic cleansing" of the former Yugoslav republic.

The sensitive document, described by one official as classified to "an obscene level", was based on aerial photography.

Although completed earlier this year, its conclusions have been seen as too damaging for publication at a time when the United States and its allies in the Contact Group have been trying to embrace President Milosevic of Serbia as a potential peacemaker.

Not only does the report say that 90 per cent of the "ethnic cleansing" was carried out by Bosnian Serbs but also that leading politicians, such as Mr Milosevic, almost certainly played a role in war crimes and should not be deemed suitable as negotiators for peace.

The CIA refused to comment on any aspect of the report yesterday but intelligence sources who had leaked the analysis told *The New York Times* it had been submitted to the Pentagon, State Department and National Security Council.

The study found no "conclusive evidence" of direct involvement by either Bosnian Serb or Belgrade leaders in the planning of killings, evictions and persecutions of Muslims and Croats in Bosnia. Specific proof was available, however, that members of the leadership, including Radovan Karadzic, were aware of the existence of a series of concentration camps controlled by Bosnian Serbs.

In Geneva, meanwhile, the United Nations Human Rights Commission, debating the longest resolution in its 50-year history, has also condemned Serbs throughout the region for atrocities and widespread abuses.

UN halts aid to rebels

Zagreb: The main United Nations refugee agency yesterday cut off relief supplies to rebel Serbs and Muslims who have been disrupting aid operations.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees said aid for the rebel Serbs in Croatia and their Muslim allies in Bosnia would not resume until they lifted a blockade of the Bilac enclave in north-west Bosnia. The Muslims rebels hold the northern sector of the pocket where they

are fighting the Bosnian Army 5th Corps, loyal to the Muslim-led authorities in Sarajevo. They have refused to let convoys cross their lines to reach up to 150,000 civilians trapped in government territory, on the pretext of heavy fighting.

Croatian Serbs have prevented UN convoys from reaching the enclave through their own territory, despite warnings that hundreds of people are on the verge of starvation. (Reuters)

Bolshoi director quits after 30 years

FROM RICHARD BERTON
IN MOSCOW

YURI GRIGOROVICH, one of the most acclaimed and controversial figures in the world of performing arts, yesterday resigned after more than three decades as head of the Bolshoi Ballet.

After months of bitter feuding with his colleagues and the Russian authorities over plans to reform the ailing theatre, Mr Grigorovich, 68, announced that he was finally stepping down as artistic director of one of Russia's most illustrious institutions.

"I believe it is impossible to continue co-operating with the Bolshoi Theatre," he said yesterday, adding that he would be looking for new work. "My 30-year experience of heading the ballet company does mean something and can be used somewhere either in Russia or the West."

As a tough, uncompromising choreographer Mr Grigorovich was credited with building up the ballet's reputation as one of the greatest dance companies in the world, for which he was rewarded with several Soviet honours. However, over the past decade the ballet has lost many of its most talented



Grigorovich: tyrannical rule drove dancers away

dancers, some lured to the West and others forced out by Mr Grigorovich's increasingly tyrannical rule.

His behaviour, combined with widespread criticism of the dropping standards of his productions led to a furious public row with Vladimir Kokonin, the Bolshoi theatre's overall director. The ballet's last scheduled tour of Britain was cancelled last summer because of poor tick-

et sales, and Mr Grigorovich's latest production of *Don Quixote* received poor reviews from Moscow's critics, who likened his fate to the hero in Cervantes' novel.

"The Bolshoi can only benefit from Grigorovich's departure," said Gedeon Taranov, a dancer sacked from the Bolshoi last year by Mr Grigorovich. "I for one would love to perform there again. The Bolshoi is my home."

Alcohol abuse hits Russian economy

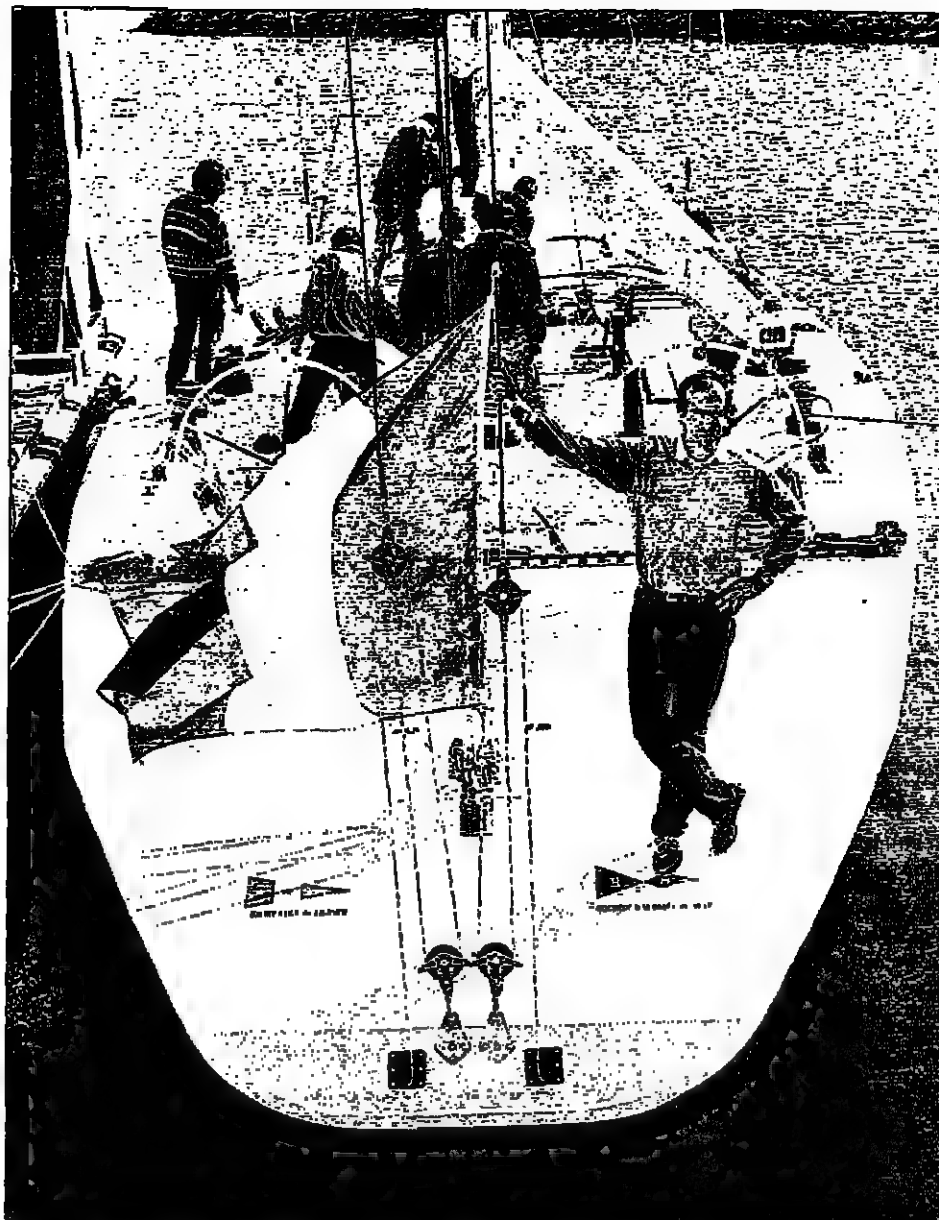
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RUSSIAN men drink a half-litre bottle of vodka every two days and have a life expectancy of only 59 years, according to official figures.

Russia has now overtaken France at the head of the international league for alcohol consumption, most of it drunk by men. The figures show that alcohol is ravaging the nation's economy. More than a quarter of the labour potential in Russia may now be lost every year as a result of premature deaths among men, caused by alcohol.

Dr Michael Ryan, senior lecturer at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Wales, who has analysed the latest figures on alcohol-related deaths, says in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal* that former President Gorbachev's campaign to cut drinking by restricting the availability of alcohol has failed.

The campaign, launched in 1985, cut sales from state-controlled sources from 10.9 litres a head in 1984 to 3.9 litres in 1987. However, consumption of home brew doubled over the same period.



Marc Pajot, the French skipper, who faces a wave of recriminations

France's yachting hero falls from America's Cup pedestal

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

MARC PAJOT, the French skipper who was eliminated this week from the America's Cup, was yesterday accused of squandering millions of pounds of taxpayers' money on a sporting, financial and political fiasco.

Once touted as a national hero, M Pajot's failure was seen at home as a humiliation of epic proportions, prompting a wave of angry recriminations. In spite of a budget that at 200 million francs (£25 million) was bigger than those of all the other challengers except the Japanese, the French crew lost 16 of their 24 matches in San Diego and found themselves out of the competition at the first hurdle.

Even on the rare occasions he won, M Pajot, 41, could not escape controversy. On Monday, for instance, the French insisted on sailing to victory

unopposed after their rival, *oneAustralia*, had sunk in the previous race.

More than the elimination, it was the hype preceding it that is providing ammunition for M Pajot's critics.

"Through the impetus of the Prime Minister (Edouard Balladur), no fewer than five Ministers have directly or indirectly allowed the challenge to take on its true national dimension," his backers said before the competition. The statement was scarcely an exaggeration. More than half the 200 million francs came from public funds made available by M Balladur's Government, according to the magazine *Le Nouvel Economiste*. Some of this money stemmed from a tax break made possible because the challenge was registered in Guadeloupe.

Yet the state did not only provide cash. The publicly owned television channels gave their prestige and their names to M Pajot's two boats, *France 2* and *France 3*. They also agreed to buy the rights to 90 hours of coverage. M Pajot has also been accused of profiting from the failure. According to *Le Nouvel Economiste*, he has become heavily involved in the companies that designed and made the yachts. "Without doubt, the sponsors did not investigate enough Pajot's surprising past," the magazine wrote in an editorial.

Defending himself on Wednesday, M Pajot said: "We should not be embarrassed. This is a sporting failure. We will have to learn the lessons. The sea has taught me honesty, integrity and respect for myself."

Wounded Briton mugged

A BRITISH woman tourist, 74, who was hit in the leg by a ricocheting bullet in the centre of Johannesburg, was robbed by a mugger as she lay bleeding in the street (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The daylight shooting was said by police to have come from African National Congress security guards at their headquarters at Shell House, in Plein St. The guards blamed two nearby policemen. The police arrested the mugger.

The woman, who arrived in South Africa on Monday, was alone at the time of the incident, but police say she has friends in the country. She asked for her identity to be kept secret so she can enjoy the rest of her holiday in peace.

Peking warned of Tibet violence

Delhi: The Dalai Lama denounced China's occupation of Tibet and told Tibetans to prepare for a worldwide referendum to decide on the future course of their struggle against Chinese rule. In a statement released to mark the 36th anniversary of the failed March 10, 1959 revolt in Tibet, he said that Peking's failure to negotiate with him could lead to violence. (AFP)

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Dutch right wing tops local poll

The Hague: The right-wing Liberals yesterday emerged as The Netherlands' largest political party after scoring big gains in provincial elections. But Frits Bolkestein, the Liberal leader whose party won 27 per cent of the vote, said the result would not affect the composition of the three-party coalition Government that took office last August. (Reuters)

Centenarian Romeo missing

Lyon: A centenarian was reported missing by his wife, 97, after he walked out of his home at Oullins near here when she accused him of having mistresses. Said to be a fit man who walks three miles a day, he has not been seen since a row on Sunday. (AFP)

Farmer at home on the range fined

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN DHEKELIA SOVEREIGN BASE, CYPRUS

A BRITISH judge and prosecutor were forced to flee through the back exit of a courthouse in Cyprus yesterday to escape a crowd of protesters supporting a Greek Cypriot farmer jailed for growing potatoes on a firing range.

The retreat came as a climax to astonishing scenes in court. The defendant, Chamos Chimonas, refused to recognise the authority of the British sovereign bases court. He lay prostrate at the front of the packed courtroom handcuffed to two police officers and told the judge he was in agony because a policeman had broken his ribs.

Judge Frank Wood, who was unable to see the accused below him, ordered a recess while a British army doctor examined him. The courtroom

was emptied and police hung blankets over the windows to allow the farmer, 40, privacy as he remained where he was for the examination, which found his ribs intact.

Mr Chimonas was still on the salmon-coloured carpet when proceedings resumed. These were soon delayed again when his sister burst into sobs, collapsed, and was escorted away by friends.

As Peter Visagie, the attorney-general, attempted to outline the case, Mr Chimonas shouted a stream of accusations against police for allegedly stealing his money, shoes and watch. He occasionally called for a "proper" doctor, finally prompting Judge Wood to mutter: "I think we must suspect his mental state."

After Mr Visagie complained he could not hear the evidence

given by his prosecution witnesses two yards away, the judge ordered that Mr Chimonas be returned to his cell and for the case to continue in his absence. As silence descended, the legal proceedings were rapidly completed.

The farmer was found guilty of refusing to obey the court's order to uproot potatoes he had planted on land used by the British Army as a firing range and sentenced to three months in prison. For "malicious damage" to his cell with part of his iron bedstead, he was ordered to pay £27 or spend seven days in jail, and for ignoring previous fines he was given a further six weeks.

The harshness of the sentences, to run consecutively, stunned the farmer's friends and relatives who were accompanied by several members of

a small, anti-bases protest movement waving a Greek flag. As Mr Visagie was being driven away in a police vehicle, a girl aged about eight ran up to the high iron gate and slammed it shut. The vehicle was surrounded by 40 protesters who screamed abuse through the windows, pummelled on the bonnet and fought police.

The judge and prosecutor fled through another entrance in a decoy car. "Look at Great Britain now. The Empire is collapsing," a protester who saw them speeding out of view scoffed.

Protests against the British bases on Cyprus have increased in recent weeks, despite a personal appeal from President Clerides, who had warned his people against alienating London.

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The Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe on homosexuality, abomination — and double standards from above

'I realised I loved him. I was in real turmoil'

It is the morning after the night before, when the bishop outed himself on *Newsnight*. The Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe, former Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, and now Assistant Bishop of Ripon, is in his detached house on the outskirts of Wetherby. It is the home of his father-in-law, Wing-Commander W.A.R. Speight, born in 1899, who has seen many strange things in his 95 years — he is a veteran flying ace from the First World War, possibly the last surviving man to have flown an FE2b — but nothing quite like this. He sits wedged in an armchair, bemused by the queue of television crews in his dining-room.

"Oh Derek, what have you done to me?" he says benignly, as the bishop darts in and out.

The bishop is a small, slight, pink-cheeked figure of 73, who reminds me of the smiling Mr Wemmick in *Great Expectations* as he fetches tea and cake for me and his aged P. Those who saw his television appearance will have remarked his blithe innocence. The interview was originally recorded for breakfast television, but was rushed onto *Newsnight* in the wake of Cardinal Hume's statement that while the Catholic Church accepts and condones homosexual affection, it nevertheless condemns its physical expression.

The bishop now sits in his study — with piano in the corner, and shelves lined with Eng Lit texts, poetry and theology — in his episcopal purple, chuching his cross as he talks. Derek Rawcliffe was brought up in Gloucester, the only son of a tobaccoist and confectioner. His father, he says, was kind but hard to get to know. His mother — who died only last year, at 98 — took him with her to the Methodist Church. But Derek, a quiet, poetic, literary child ("Oh Derek, don't be so sensitive," was his parents' refrain,

as he was so easily moved to tears) was attracted to the music in Gloucester Cathedral, and realised by the age of 17 that he wanted to become a priest.

He was accepted by the theological college at Mirfield and first took a degree in English (a First) at Leeds. He had had, it seems, one homosexual relationship by this time, but took St Paul's words to heart and was steely enough to bring the physical side of it to an end, becoming, he says, closed and shuttered, celibate and repressed: "a hard and judgmental person".

He remained so, he says, for 25 years, during which he went out to the South Pacific as a missionary, working as a teacher and headmaster before being appointed the First Bishop of the New Hebrides.

It was not until he was over 50, that approaches were made to him by a young Melanesian, "and I realised that I loved him very much, and this experience broke down all my defences. I was in a real turmoil about it, and went to my confessor, a fellow priest, and told him what had happened, and he said, 'Oh good, because it means you've got someone to love'."

"And I found that having accepted and come to terms with myself, and having had this encouragement from this priest, it brought about a complete change in my whole outlook. I began to love everybody in a new way, and to see that in spite of our sins and failings, God loves us, and it was the work of the Holy Spirit, and it came about because I had accepted myself as I am."

A few years later, however, Bishop Rawcliffe met his future bride, Susan Speight, at a conference in France. She had been a teacher of ballet and domestic science, but was now confined to a wheelchair with diabetic neuropathy. They wrote to each other, and

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she had "a miraculous healing" and walked again.

"I said to God, 'Oh God, do you want me to marry her?' and I did propose to her, and we got married, and I was thinking, 'Right, now I am no longer gay'. She was very much the only woman I have ever been attracted to, before or since. We had a very loving relationship."

She was 36, and dazzlingly pretty; he was 56. He is glad they had no children — although she wanted to — because she had such a short time to live. They came home from the Pacific and he was appointed Bishop of Glasgow in 1981. Susan died, after a cardiac arrest, in 1987, at the age of 48. He never told her about his past; but he feels sure that if she had, she would have accepted it.

It was after he retired in 1991, and came to live in Leeds, that he decided to come out. "I made new friends," he says, "and I came to the realisation once again that I was always attracted to men."

One of the first signs was that he gave up his collection of coins: "I realised that numismatics had been a sort of substitute for something, and I just lost interest in coins. I wanted to do something to help the cause, so I became a member of LGCM (the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement) which has an open list of members, and my name is on that list."

"Perhaps 'helping the cause' is too grandiose a way of

putting it, but I wanted to be associated with other gay people, and to be of help to them, and to give support, and to receive it."

"I suppose really," he says very softly, "it was to associate with people of one's own kind."

So it came about that the former bishop went public, when asked, and said to an audience of millions what off was thought, and suspected, but never so blatantly expressed, and never by one so high up the hierarchy of the church.

"The priesthood as a whole is a haven — no, an attraction, for gay men. Gay men, on the whole, are more gentle and sensitive, and these are attributes that ought to belong to the priesthood."

"Though some," he adds, "can be awful bitches."

Another telephone call — the telephone never stops — sets up a wild barking in the bishop's blind old dog, Kim. The house, bizarrely called Kitecats (apparently named by a previous owner, who had been a member of the Kit Kat Club in London, though the bishop reminds me that the 18th-century Whigs' Kit-Cat Club met at the home of a pastrycook named Christopher Katt who called his mutton pies Kit-cats), can never have been busier. The doorbell too rings constantly. The local policeman calls to tell the bishop that if he has any trouble from "these television people" he should let him know.

A messenger comes with a fax offering to fly him down to appear on *Kilroy*, a programme of which the bishop has never heard, promising "a sensible discussion". And the Vicar of Wetherby calls to make a pastoral visit to the old man, in case he is upset by all the kerfuffle.

But the aged P, known as Bill, still sits imperturbably in his armchair, listening to hymns ("Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways...") "Who's he talking to now?" Bill mutters, as the telephone rings again. Bill does not share his son-in-law's views. "But we've lived together for four years," says Dr Rawcliffe, "with never a cross word."

The night before, the Bishop of Ripon himself called at the house. "He rather assumed I was just going to go along with what Cardinal Hume had said. And I said I was not, because although what Cardinal Hume said was very courageous, and he is a very fine and spiritual man, he is suggesting a double standard. The Anglican church got rid of the celibacy law at the time of the Reformation, so why do our bishops want to bring it back now, for gay clergy? There was no rebuke; but the Bishop wanted to be reassured that I was not going to say I was currently in a gay partnership."

And is he? "Well, I don't want to say," said the bishop, with his toothy smile. What he will say is that he now believes it to be "false and cruel" for the Church of England to allow heterosexual priests to marry, but to expect homosexual priests to live, or pretend to live, celibately, repressing their true inclinations as he once did; and that he wishes the Church would come round to the idea of blessing homosexual partnerships. "The Church has got to come to an acceptance. It is not something we choose, after all. I increasingly believe it must be something biological as well as psychological in us."

To see how riven with theological confusion the whole question is one had only to watch *Kilroy* yesterday morning, when the prancing, odiously smirking interlocutor ("Come, son, Father, tell me what I ought to think about gay priests, Father...") had gathered clerics and congregations of all persuasions — the Bishop of Crediton was there, and also Peter Tatchell of Outrage — to hurl biblical texts at one another, re-interpreting them according to personal preference.

(The bishop is certain that since the law of Moses is no longer binding on Christians, we should ignore Hebrew texts such as Leviticus 18:22 which calls lying with mankind "an abomination". "It calls women in trousers 'an abomination' too," he is equally certain that St Paul believed that all men are heterosexual and simply did not understand human nature.)

The invited clergy smiled beatifically, faced with the hopeless dilemma no Church seems able to cope with, as it banges on about love but goes all to pieces over sex. It made one believe in divine mischief.

We did not need the Outrage demonstration at the consecration of the new Bishop of Durham to tell us that both the Anglican, and the Roman Catholic church are riddled with homosexuals, practising or not, throughout their hierarchies: the late Dr Mervyn Stockwood was quite casually outed on Wednesday morning, the day of his memorial service, on the *Today* programme. But did we need to know, and does it matter anyway, when the sexual ori-

entation of clerics does not necessarily affect whatever their spiritual value is to the community?

I am sure Dr Rawcliffe was a good missionary, a good teacher and a good bishop; he is undoubtedly a man with an ineffable sweetness of nature. And how different his life might have been, if all this had happened 50 years ago.

Rawcliffe: gay men's sensitivity and gentleness, he says, is well suited to the priesthood

Some gay men can be awful bitches'

Who should decide the fate of those neither dead nor alive?

My death free from lawyers

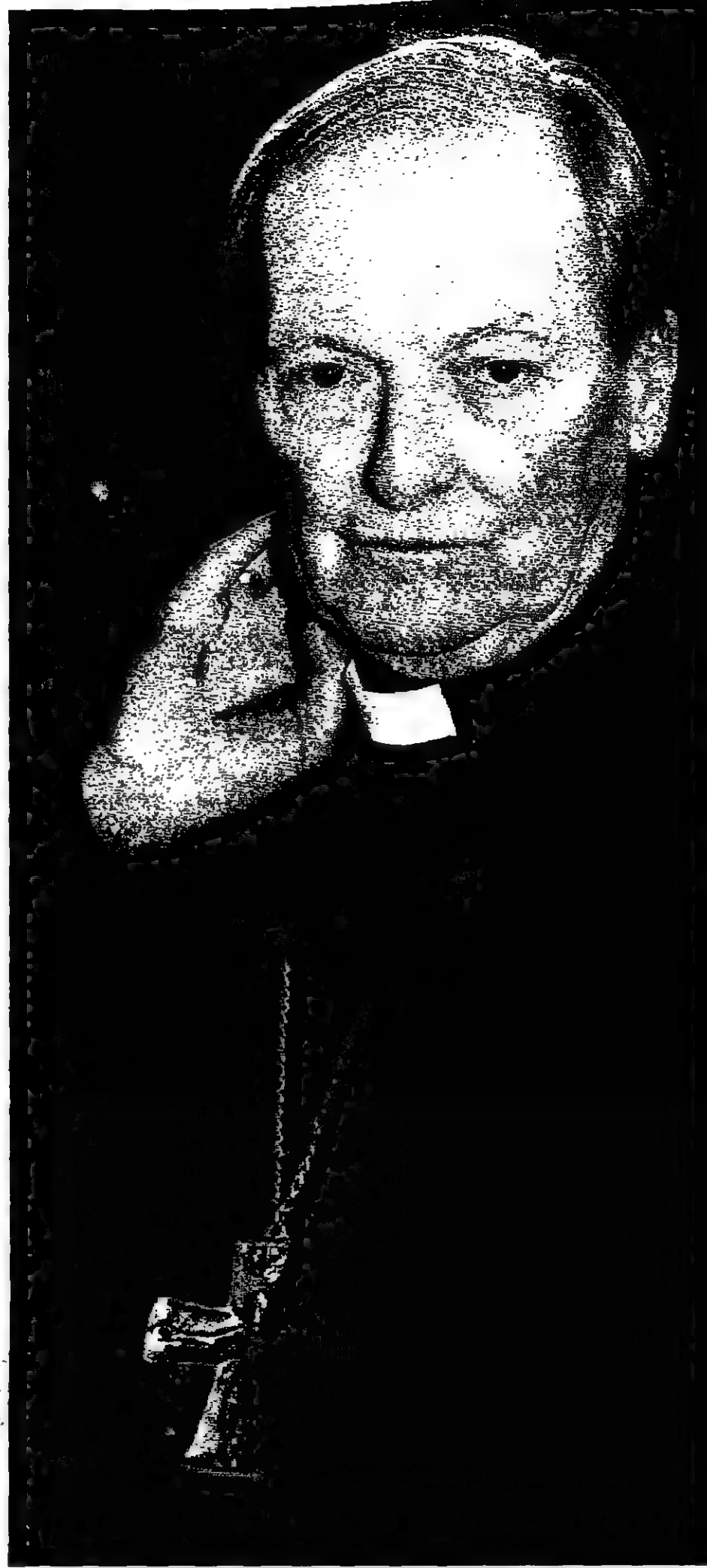
I have been somewhat preoccupied these past few days, having at last been persuaded to stop procrastinating over making a will. By 11 o'clock tomorrow morning the dithering has to stop: the fate of my aquamarine earrings, the grand piano and the second-best bed will be sealed and — which is the true purpose of the exercise — I shall have done my best to ensure that I depart this life without making work for lawyers. That, surely, is the least a body can do for her nearest and dearest.

If, however, when the time comes I mull my departure and linger on in what the doctors call a "persistent vegetative state" (PVS), or in some other condition which is less than life but more than death, it appears that my heartfelt wish will be thwarted. After watching *Panorama* and listening to *The Moral Maze* this week, and reading the law reports on *In re S* (which concerns a wealthy, elderly and incommunicado stroke patient and the dithering views held by his wife and mistress as to his proper treatment) in the Court of Appeal, I can see all too clearly that in any such grim scenario the lawyers will be queuing up to torment my relatives. That, in my view, would be to subject them to "cruel and inhuman treatment" amounting to torture; but we had better not pursue that avenue, as it would be sure to involve yet another court case.

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Spare a thought, too, for the towns of the old East Germany who looked forward to carefully orchestrated "friendship visits" to counterparts in West Germany. Since unification, many of the *Wessi* town halls have decided to downgrade the links. Now that neither side feels it incumbent to show off to the other, the fatted calf has been replaced with lackluster sandwich buffets. Without the background tangle of competitive envy, being a twin isn't half the fun.

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On Christmas Day 1993, after 13 years of marriage, Mrs Clark told her husband she was filing for divorce. Under the current terms of their

Philip Howard



■ A British chieftain can turn into a gas chief executive, if his name is Cedric

A Cedric by any other name would earn as much in share options and envy from Toms, Dicks and Harrys who would not care for his hours or his responsibilities. But Cedric Brown, the handsomely remunerated chief executive of British Gas, has enlivened our egalitarian British rage about other men's payslips by his first name. Names are magic. Christians recognise this by their rule of infant baptism. In ancient Egypt and other superstitious cultures, to know someone's personal name gave one power over that person.

Personal names send out coded messages of nationality, region, class and gender — though that last code can be scrambled by names such as Evelyn, Jocelyn or, in Latin American countries, bisexual names such as Marie-Joseph. The Gas Board signalled a working-class chap who was not the usual type of capitalist by naming the hero of the advertising campaign for its shares on privatisation Sid. Reg or Winston would have sent a similar signal, the latter coupled with intimations of the West Indies. But not a century ago, flower names such as Rose, Dahlia, May and Myrtle sound today like the names of elderly bedmakers at Cambridge colleges, where they still pull up duvets. For the Victorian middle classes flower names were classy as well as fragrant. Mary used to be "a grand old name" according to the song. It is now widely regarded as peevish.

Our annual table of the most popular names announced for babies in *The Times* measures an elite cohort, and it changes only slowly. But the currency of names is affected by popular events as well as the erosion of the years. Time and the negative propaganda of Ebenezer Scrooge have eroded the Puritan attractions of his first name, that "stone of help" mascot of the Israelites against the Philistines. I was almost christened Ebenezer after my grandfather "Eben", but my Greek mother put her foot down for once. She is called Doris, an aristocratic sea nymph's name in the Ionian islands, but not, she discovered, in England. Grace became a popular name after the heroism of Grace Darling, the lighthouse keeper's daughter. It was given a boost by the glamour of Grace Kelly, particularly in *High Society*. Statisticians also measure the brief life of popularity for Samantha, the rich girl Grace played. This is a problematic name which originated in the southern states of America, perhaps feminising the Puritan Samuel with the flowery new suffix of -antha. Grace has now been given a third boost by the revival of the Methodist hymn *Amazing Grace* as a popular song. Films and songs change the names. Halliwell's *Film Guide* gives away the age of Waynes and Tracys.

The vogue for Cedric as a first name has a history which has been affected by at least two bestsellers. Over 20 centuries the name has changed its connotations from the handle of an heroic rebel to aristocratic traditionalist to upper-class twit. Cedric Brown has added a new barnacle of greedily functionality to the growth of popular nomenclature.

As Caracacus, Cedric was the heroic British chieftain who rebelled against Roman rule. As Cedric son of Cymbeline, Cedric by marriage was the founder of the kingdom of Wessex. Walter Scott made Cedric the stern Saxon father of Ivanhoe a national hero in 1819, though his son's name was Wilfred, knight of Ivanhoe. Wilfred has lost its glamour as fast as Cedric. But in its prime Ivanhoe was as popular as *East-Enders*. A generation later Frances Hodgson Burnett named her *Little Lord Fauntleroy* Cedric. In his long yellow curls and black velvet suit with lace collar, and his custom of calling his mother "Dearest", Cedric turned the name sissy. Cedric Brown has added his gloss.

The ways of names shift on wayward tides. The French equivalent of *The Times* survey indicates that the most popular first name in France is — not so much Erik as Kevin. Pronounced *de vin*. Partly the chic of Irish names such as *Paris*. Partly *Cosmo* dancing with wolverine and playing Robin Hood with Ivanhoe. When they practise the London Underground, with delay-infused rails renamed TubeTrack, I hope the new managing director on an instant squillion a year is called Oswin.



The seeds of betrayal

Before Hong Kong is sacrificed to a country that tortures monks in Tibet, it should fight to preserve its civil rights

And so we come again to those two contentious issues, those nuisances from far away, those boring stories that we have heard dozens of times, those complaints that the members of our Foreign and Commonwealth Office throw into the waste-paper basket (many of the throwers have become so adept that they can hit the bin left-handed and ten yards away) those who are automatically brushed off as pests (like Levin, for instance), those funny little men coloured roughly yellow who claim to be human beings but surely can't be, otherwise they would be white — these come under that threadbare and frequently punctured umbrella that for simplicity are called Hong Kong and Tibet.

Let us take Hong Kong first, and how better to proceed than with the very words of Sir Robin McLaren ringing in our ears? As it happens, I have a considerable number of Sir Robin's words, not including his *Who's Who* entry, which in itself is amazingly revealing: by the end of a single reading of it, we are in Appeasement Avenue, and will be lucky to get out alive.

Entered Foreign Service, 1938... language student, Hong Kong; Third Secretary, Peking 1960-61; FO, 1961-64; Asst Private Sec to Lord Privy Seal (Mr Edward Heath)... seconded to Hong Kong Govt as Asst Political Adviser, 1968-69; First Sec, FCO, 1970-73... Head of Hong Kong and Gen. Dept, 1973-75, of Far Eastern Dept, 1975-81, FCO, Political Adviser, Hong Kong, 1981-85... Asst. Dep Sec of State, FCO, 1990-91. Sen. British Rep., Sino-British Liaison Op... 1991-94 Ambassador to China...

Now, I ask you, what chance have those poor little yellow blighters after all that? But that is only, as I said, his *Who's Who*. When he has real space, the yellow blighters addressed might as well go and drown themselves en masse. (I must make plain that Sir Robin, when he is doing his best — easily confused with his worst — is writing to both the yellow and the white inhabitants of Hong Kong. I stress that, because it would sometimes be difficult to realise that he is addressing both.)

Well, now, Sir Robin told us that there would be "many difficulties" in China over the next few years, so Hong Kong's best interests lie in trying to avoid the attention of top mainland leaders after 1997 — and that that might mean not allowing anti-Peking activities in the territory.

Sir Robin — perhaps wisely — did not

make clear what exactly an anti-Peking activity might be. For instance, I hope to make more visits to my beloved Hong Kong before the takeover, and it is well known that I am much given to speaking my mind, sometimes at appalling length. Suppose I announced, loudly and clearly, that the people of China are ruled by brutes and tyrants, and the Chinese people are used as helots by their masters, while those masters live high on the hog (cf. Mao and his whores), would I be classified as an anti-Peking activity? And if so, how

which are engaged in the process of undermining the government in China. (That's me, folks)

That phrase "seen to be used by groups which are engaged in the process of undermining the government in China" presumably refers to the new China (that is, when Hong Kong has been fully incorporated), and reading between Sir Robin's lines, which are not entirely clear, it seems that the underliners are those who want to keep a tiny, tiny, flag of democracy flying in the *q-dévant*.

Bernard Levin

But that does not finish Sir Robin's fascinating tour d'horizon of Hong Kong's do's and don'ts. He tells us that "You sometimes need to be prepared to compromise 3 per cent of the freedoms you enjoy in order to be able to ensure you keep the other 97 per cent".

Ah! And again ah! And yet again ah! Because all this heavy breathing denotes something immensely important. Just look at those tiny, almost invisible, 3 per cent! Ah, those 3 per cent, which could easily be turned into 4 per cent without anyone worrying, and for that matter, the 4 itty-bitty per cent could move an almost invisible distance towards the 5 extra per cent... and — well — Kipling said it well:

And that is called paying the Dane-geld. But we've proved it again and again. That if once you have paid him the Dane-geld You never get rid of the Dane.

I am not quite finished with Sir Robin, but now let him speak in his own words: this is what he said:

The interests of Hong Kong people lie in ensuring that, after 1997, the issue of Hong Kong appears as infrequently as possible on the agenda of the State Council of the Chinese Government. What will ensure that Hong Kong is on the agenda of the politburo is if Hong Kong, as a territory after 1997, is seen to be used by groups

greater is the betrayal of Tibet by almost all the nations in the world! The original rape of that wonderful and mysterious country, its monasteries set upon the eternal hills like a row of watchtowers, was a crime hardly less dreadful than those of the Nazis; it encompassed the utter destruction of a culture (and, more to the point, of the human beings, too) that had endured for countless centuries.

But that was only for the beginning. The barbarians were — and are, for the rape continues — not content with the destruction of the culture; they wanted to erase every building, every prayer, every sacred scroll, until they were satisfied that when people in the future looked for Tibet on the map, there would be no such place. They have already got a long way towards their goal.

Words, words, just words: let me give you something more substantial. In doing so, I must introduce you to a gentleman named Palden Gyatso, and I think the best way of introducing him is to give you a smattering of his *curriculum vitae*. Here goes:

Over a period of 30 years, Palden Gyatso was handcuffed, kicked, beaten with a stick with nails in it, drugged, hung from the ceiling by his arms, starved until hunger drove him to eat his own bones, compelled to sign a false confession, sent to a labour camp, beaten with chains, had an electric shock-baton forced down his throat, lost 20 teeth, and regained consciousness in a pool of blood, urine and vomit.

This exciting life is not of his choosing: he is a Tibetan Buddhist monk, and a Tibetan Buddhist monk in the hands of the barbarians of China is lucky to get out alive. Come to think of it, most don't, but Palden finally escaped, and so thoughtful is he that he brought out the torture instruments that were used on him. I have a photograph of them, and Palden says: "The dirt and stains on them are real — they were left untouched, as witnesses to the suffering of the Tibetan people."

That suffering goes on, throughout Tibet, while the barbarians seek more victims and more appalling tortures. And the rest of the world goes to bed, saying — if it says anything — it's nothing to do with us.

Stop Press: This very week the result of Hong Kong elections are announced: to the surprise of Mr Hurd, though nobody else, the voters preferred democracy to totalitarianism.

The Left's history man

Geoffrey Wheatcroft takes a lifelong Communist to task

One of the great advantages of having been all your life a Communist is that nobody can accuse you of having been in it for the sake of careerism, for the sake of making money or for the sake of getting famous. I didn't want to lose that moral high ground." Sue Lawley's latest castaway on the ever-fascinating *Desert Island Discs* (repeated this morning) was Professor E.J. Hobsbawm, who inevitably talked about his politics.

As is well known, Professor Hobsbawm is an outstanding historian, and a very readable one. As is well known also, he has been a lifelong Communist. He joined the party as a schoolboy in the early 1930s, and he was still a member when the Communist Party of Great Britain itself finally expired more than half a century later, with Eric Hobsbawm by then pretty much its sole intellectual ornament. He then managed with some adroitness to become a friend of Neil Kinnock's and a guru to the broader Left.

One might ask how he got away with all this. After all, when he writes about history he is compelling, when he talks about jazz he is always interesting, but when he tries to defend his political career he talks a kind of nonsense which would seem absurd from a less clever man, and might seem odious from a man with less charm.

Communism was part of the tragedy of the 20th century, along with the fascism which is a heresy of Communism and enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with it. What the Soviet regime did to the people it ruled was the greatest tragedy; at least 20 million killed and many millions more imprisoned. But also tragic in its way was the fact that so many of the brightest and best of their generation in the West fell under the spell of the Soviet myth.

Most of them were finally woken from their dream by the noise of events. Not Mr Hobsbawm. He still parrots the stale line that "socialism" was attempted in the wrong country. He stayed in the party even after the brutal reconquest of Hungary in 1956, partly out of habit, partly, he says, out of loyalty, and partly because "I didn't wish to deny the whole of my life". To which a strict moralist might reply that loyalty to murderers is complicity in murder, and wonder whether one man's refusal to admit that he was wrong (or "deny my whole life") was more important than the fate of the millions who lived under Communism.

Asked about Stalin's tyranny, Hobsbawm says: "We didn't know, we didn't know the extent of it." This is simply false. There was no difficulty whatever in knowing at the time, particularly for someone who is after all an historian and supposed to have an independent, inquiring mind. Hobsbawm sometimes cheerfully admits that he was absolutely loyal to the party line over, for example, the Nazi-Soviet pact in 1939. But that wasn't the real test. Most of the crises which forced other Communists of their allegiance — the pact, Prague in 1948, Budapest in 1956 — could even be defended on real-political grounds: Russia was simply behaving like a great power.

The real question was the nature of the Soviet regime itself. One man who fired with Communism was the brilliant American critic Dwight Macdonald. He described coming to his senses in 1937, when he bought the official transcript of the Second Moscow Trial at the party bookshop. Even then he didn't entirely see through Stalinism. But a cursory reading demonstrated "the absurdity of the trial's main political thesis: that Trotsky had conspired with the representative of Hitler, Mussolini and the Mikado and most of the surviving Bolshevik leaders to kill Stalin and restore capitalism in Russia". Presumably Professor Hobsbawm did believe this — and all the other confessions in all the other show trials, extorted as it happened by one or another form of mental or physical torture.

The harsh view of Hobsbawm and others like him is that while pretending to love liberty they really worshipped power, something which comes all too easily to intellectuals. A more charitable view is that Communism was a form of religious belief, or that those who adhered to it were "in denial", the useful psychiatric term for the man who is drinking a bottle of gin a day but insists that he has no problem.

Personally, I admire Hobsbawm greatly as a writer, and think of him in much the same terms as I do someone I admired, if anything, more. The late Reginald Goodall was one of the greatest conductors of Wagner and Bruckner many of us will ever hear. He was also, to put it plainly, a Fascist: an ardent member of Mosley's Blackshirts in the 1930s who never really changed his views afterwards. Life is strange, and people strange. Goodall's politics, which weren't a complete secret, seem to have hindered his career (and you can't really blame Jewish musicians who bore a certain resentment).

Miss Lawley is being credulous when she says that Hobsbawm's "Marxist beliefs did not make his life easy, and academic promotion came slowly". This of a man who was a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge at 32, a professor in London by 53, and now — relish the irony — has a comfortable billet in New York. Would a self-proclaimed member of the National Front have enjoyed the same tolerance?

No, Eric. Hobsbawm hasn't done badly out of bourgeois society, and good luck to him. But he might spare us the "moral high ground".

Tackless tour

DECORUM is to be preserved during the Queen's visit to South Africa this month. A royal decree has been issued by the Lord Chamberlain's office to those who plan to peddle items related to Her Majesty's visit: no tacky souvenirs, please.

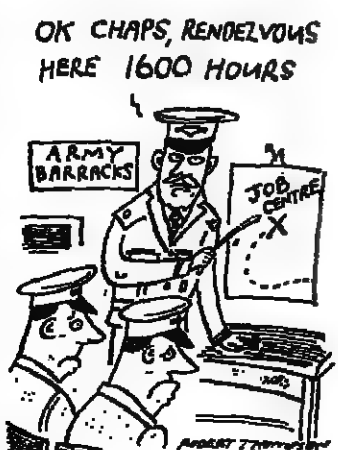
The message is being conveyed through the British High Commission in Johannesburg. It states that no T-shirts, plastic mugs or disposable receptacles bearing portraits of the Queen or the Duke of Edinburgh can be sold.

"Souvenirs must be in good taste," explains a spokeswoman at Buckingham Palace. "They must basically be articles of a permanent kind. They may not include textiles except for headscarves or wall hangings. T-shirts are out. Containers and receptacles are permitted provided they are made of metalware or ceramic."

The Palace insists that there should be no advertising associated with royal souvenirs on the tour, nor any hint of royal custom or approval. But the T-shirt industry is taken aback by the severity of the edict, which carries the weight of the Advertising Standards Authority behind it. "It's a

strange decision to ban T-shirts," says Robert Dewy, sales manager at Things Ltd, purveyor of sundry garments to Wembley Stadium and other such outlets. "T-shirts aren't tacky. The tourists love them."

Michael Howard was forced to use strong-arm tactics yesterday during a conference on tougher penalties for offenders. He had to silence his junior minister Baroness Blatch — who was gassing



noisily to an official while he was briefing the press — by placing his hand firmly on her arm.

Conversion

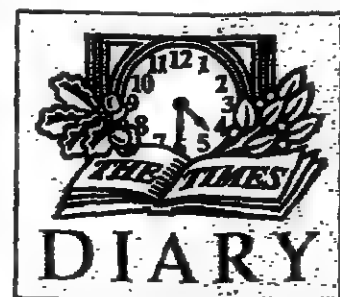
THE PARTY to celebrate the first night of the West End revival of John Godeber's *Up 'n' Under*, a rib-tickler about rugby league, was a scrum filled not only by belly-lauding players but also by movie-men.

The tale of seven-a-side pub rugby in Yorkshire is heading for the big screen — here first and then America. Godeber, said to be Britain's most performed playwright after Shakespeare, has written the script and Malcolm McDowell is lined up for the lead part.

"It's like Rocky with mud on the boots, a bloody nose and bandaged knee," says Godeber. "The Americans will understand that."

Non-starter

JEREMY PAXMAN'S disrespectful manner with politicians and *University Challenge* contestants was developed at a tender age. He used to bully his teachers and at prep school he expressed contempt for almost all those charged with his welfare. In today's *Times Edu-*



cational Supplement, he describes the majority of his prep school masters as "no-hopers". One master, who Paxman says was sacked after failing to pass the marmalade to the headmaster's wife during breakfast, suffered particularly at his hands. Paxman recalls jacking the chap's car up onto bricks. "The poor fellow put his case in the car, climbed in after it, pulled the roof shut over his head and started the engine," he says. "And the wheels went round and round and the car remained stationary. There we all were with our faces pressed up against the windows, watching."

To mark South Korean President Kim Young Sam's visit to Britain, the Korean magazine in Europe, *Euroko*, has published a special edition. Worryingly for the

Euro-sceptics, it calls Michael Heseltine "Undisputable Number 2 Man in English politics".

Futures

PETER Baring appears to have picked just the place for contemplating the fate of his stricken bank. He has bought a house in the shadow of a church in the Berkshire village of East Woodhay and he plans to move in by June.

He bought the Old Rectory months ago and builders have been there ever since. A charitable welcome comes from his new neighbour, the Rev David Carter, rector of St Martin's: "I have only met him once briefly and his wife a few times, but we are looking forward to them coming here."

Undressing

A FRISSEON ran through the ladies attending this week's council meeting of the British Red Cross. They were quite suddenly confronted by the tanned torsos of August Jacobson, Tom Romano, Randy Vandenberg — and other members of the Chippendales.

In one of the most unusual gigs in the charity world, the Red Cross council has decided to use



A brace of Chippendales

members of the male troupe in some of its 125th special birthday events. At Tuesday's meeting chaired by the statuesque Countess of Limerick, the predominantly female council decided to examine photographs and calendars featuring the Chippendales.

"We strongly support the British Red Cross," says Heidi Kipling, the Chippendales' PR. "The idea of a tie-up came when Red Cross-trained officials helped women who fainted at our shows."

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OBITUARIES

JOHN LAMBERT

John Lambert, composer, died from cancer of the liver in Brighton on March 7 aged 68. He was born in Maidenhead on July 15, 1926.

THE number of composers whose talents have stayed unsung through their own lifetimes and afterwards is legion. Few, however, can have suffered such unjustified neglect as John Lambert. His fundamental problem was his failure to establish a satisfactory and lasting relationship with a publisher. Consequently, performances of his music tended to be few and far between and second performances even fewer and further between. Fate thus dictated that it was as a teacher that Lambert became best known, indeed almost universally revered.

But posterity, if there is any justice, will give us a different perspective, and with the imminent release of a compact disc containing a representative selection — the first — of his work on the NMC label, there is already hope that the wider musical world will at last take note. It was with great satisfaction that Lambert, already seriously ill, took on the task of producing the disc himself.

His output was relatively small, but each piece is a deeply considered, finely crafted statement, original in form and often reflecting his own ability to look at the world from a slightly different perspective from most people — as his chamber opera *A Family Affair* (1988), which concerns itself with issues of incest, indicates.

He regarded as his most substantial achievement his cycle of five works for chamber ensemble called *Sea-Changes*, finished only last summer. The individual titles of each work — *Waves*, *Time and Tides*, *Melodies and Drums*, *Accents and Mutations* — illustrates their formal concerns. Shape and the notion of transformation were everything in Lambert's music. There are also two fine string quartets, and two impressive large-scale orchestral works, *Formations* and *Transformations* (a Proms commission in 1973) and *Seasons*, commissioned by the Royal College of Music for its centenary in 1982 and revised in 1984. On a smaller scale, the solo



trumpet piece *Slide* (1989) shows his relish for exploiting virtuoso technique as well as a certain dark humour; while he was an eloquent composer for voice, scrupulous in his choices of text. Lambert's personality was a combination of sometimes over-fussy meticulousness — he would ensure at dinner that the place settings were just so — with a relish for good living and a generosity of spirit that he willingly extended to his many pupils and friends.

Scarcely a single name among the most prominent of younger British composers could not be associated with his teaching. Javier Alvarez, Avril Anderson, Julian Anderson, Simon

Bainbridge, Richard Blackford, Gary Carpenter, David Fanshawe, Oliver Knussen, Jonathan Lloyd, Barrington Pheloung, David Sutton-Anderson, Mark Anthony Turnage were all among those who came under his direct influence at the Royal College of Music, where he taught, sometimes flying in the face of a notoriously conservative establishment, for many years.

John Arthur Neil Lambert tended to regard his pupils as if they were his own growing children, converting the initial advisory relationship into enduring friendships easily and willingly. From him they learnt the importance of the fastidiousness he

cultivated during his own time of study, thanks to a Mendelssohn Scholarship, in Paris with Nadia Boulanger, which followed study at the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music in London in the war and immediate postwar years. Boulanger provided him with a bedrock and Paris opened doors to relationships with the likes of Pierre Boulez, Henri Dutilleul, György Ligeti and Maurice Ohana.

Importantly, his pupils were encouraged to explore their own natural language freely. Though Lambert was himself what today would be called a modernist, he never imposed any party line. Students were also confronted with an admirable, genuinely liberal outlook. His duties at the RCM included running the Experimental Music Group. He would encourage the small audiences at their concerts by passing round a bag of sweets, and on one occasion, in answer to a request from a particularly elegant and eager applicant, was reported to have replied after a swift, expert appraisal: "Yes, I think you are just about tall enough."

No doubt, such moments owed something to his sense of theatre; he was Director of Music at the Old Vic from 1958 to 1962. For nearly thirty years he also fulfilled the duties of Organist and Director of Music at the church of St Vedast, Foster Lane, in the City. For a time he was disposed towards the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of England; but he experienced a gradual loss of faith, going so far in the mid-1980s as to express a dislike for the "narrowness of outlook and isolation of the intellect" that he saw doctrine or dogma engendering. A more general spirituality, however, was never something entirely alien to him.

Lambert faced his impending death with a calm and lucid courage that took by surprise even those who knew him to be one who, for all his idealistic visions, always confronted reality head-on. He was nursed through his long illness with exemplary devotion by his long-standing friend, the organist Timothy Bond, with whom he shared a magnificent house in Brighton and a vast affection for their two cats.

MARGARET HALL

Margaret Hall, economist, died in London on March 8 aged 84. She was born in Sheffield on August 27, 1910.

MARGARET HALL packed several careers into a long working life: fellow and tutor of Somerville College, 1949-75, university lecturer, writer, teacher and member of numerous national committees concerned with economic problems. She was a woman of immense intellectual rigour which she combined with a disarming femininity.

It was as a teacher that she was probably most in her element. In her days as a tutor, those taking PPE at Oxford had to read all three subjects, and philosophy and politics students were not always at ease with the subject of economics. It was to her credit that she inspired not only the gifted economists, but those who found the subject decidedly hard going. She had a logical mind, as one observer put it "honed to a point of almost surgical incisiveness". Shirley Williams described her as one of the two teachers who made a real impact upon her.

She was a liberal influence in the Senior Common Room and turned an indulgent eye to the high spirits of her students. She and her friend, the Baudelaire scholar Enid Starkie, fought for the new ruling, in 1964, by which undergraduates were allowed keys with which to let themselves in late at night. She was also in favour of Somerville becoming a mixed college a good twenty years before this came to pass. And she was an excellent moral tutor, shrewd and witty: "My dear, if your chosen profession is breaking and entering, perhaps you should study it at some other institution than Oxford," was how she dismissed one student who had occupied a university building in political protest. But she was also compassionate, and another student, a notorious late-riser, was roused from her bed and rushed to her exams at the last moment.

As an economist her speciality was distributive trades. She believed that markets were imperfectly competitive and dynamic — "competition is about killing off the competition," she would say — and that wholesalers and retailers had a key role to play in the country's economy, being the



conduit between producers and customers. She was dismissive of any argument which distinguished between goods and services.

In this context, Lord Kaldor's selective employment tax, introduced in 1966 and aimed at service employers, came in for her particular scorn, and she published an essay in *The Times* on the subject in 1970. She remained an unreconstructed Keynesian and she gave a series of well-attended lectures on the British economy at Oxford. Her numerous publications included her magnum opus, *Distribution in Great Britain and North America*, co-written with John Knapp and Christopher Winsten (1961).

Among the many committees on which she sat was the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 1973-76. She used her seat on these councils and commissions to press for various reforms, one of which was the abolition of resale price maintenance. Edward Heath, when he was President of the Board of Trade in 1963-64, was influenced by her private paper on this subject.

Laura Margaret Linfoot was the daughter of George Linfoot, a conductor who established the music department at Sheffield University. She was educated at Sheffield Girls' High School and at High Storrs Grammar School, where she was a brilliant pupil, and also good at hockey, tennis and acting. She went up to Somerville in

1929 as an exhibitioner to read PPE and was later elected to a college scholarship. Having gained a first, she married her tutor, Robert Hall (later Economic Adviser to the Government), and began teaching.

She had an eventful war, her husband having persuaded her to take their children to his birthplace, Australia. After the convoy on which they crossed the Atlantic was attacked by U-boats, she finally reached Australia, left her children with her sister-in-law in Queensland, and determined to return to England alone. She got as far as Washington where, then penniless, she found work in the Office of Price Administration. She returned to England only after the war. A lectureship at Lincoln College, Oxford, 1946-47, was followed by one at Somerville, 1947-49, after which she was elected a fellow and tutor of the college. She was elected an honorary fellow on her retirement in 1975.

In later years she acted as consultant to the National Economic Development Office and to the Distillers Company. She also took up trout fishing, spending her summers in Scotland and Ireland, and kept up an excellent game of tennis.

Her first marriage was dissolved in 1968 and she married, secondly, in 1977, the economist Sir Donald MacDougall. He survives her, together with two daughters from her first marriage.

JOHN PRICE

John Price, CVO, Director of Information for Nato, 1967-72, died on March 1 aged 79. He was born on July 25, 1915.

JOHN PRICE, Nato's Director of Information for five years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and before that Information Counsellor in the British Embassy in Bonn, was a government information specialist of the old school. Today's world of "spin doctors" would have been entirely alien to him.

John Lister Willis Price was the son of a Church of England clergyman. He was educated at Bradford and New College, Oxford, where he read PPE. Just before the war, convalescence from pneumonia took him to Wengen, in the Bernese Oberland, where he discovered a love of skiing and mountain walking that was to brighten his life almost to its end.

In 1940 Price joined the Royal Signals. He served with them throughout the war, taking part in the 1944-45 advance from Normandy through the Low Countries into Germany, his last contri-

bution to the campaign being to orchestrate the complex amplification arrangements for Montgomery's victory speech to his men.

In 1946, at the age of 31, Price joined the Foreign Service. His first appointment was to the News Department in the Foreign Office in London. News Department was then, as it is today, an advance post in the firing-line that separates diplomacy and journalism, superficially so similar but in fact such very different occupations. To go there on first appointment to the Foreign Service was a baptism of fire, which Price admirably withstood.

His reward was a posting to the Embassy in Paris. Appointments in the Foreign Office, in Sofia and again in London, followed. Then in 1962 he was appointed to one of the most significant positions open to an Information specialist in the Foreign Service: head of British Information Services in Germany.

The job was a demanding one. Bonn was already on its way to becoming one of the most powerful capitals in Europe, a source of news and



a magnet to journalists. But the principal German papers had their headquarters elsewhere: in Frankfurt, Munich, Hamburg, Stuttgart and Berlin. Price was faced with coordinating information work right across the Federal Re-

public. And although it was still well-disposed towards Britain, the German press had cast off its postwar near-tutelage. In his four years in Bonn Price proved himself more than equal to the difficulties of the job.

He faced one particular challenge. In May 1965 the Queen paid a nine-day state visit to the Federal Republic. It was her first — and as significant in its day as the visit she paid to a reunited Germany nearly thirty years later. Both Governments saw it as a mark of postwar reconciliation but to much British opinion it was seriously controversial. Its treatment by the British and German press alike was crucially important. Price played his part in the visit to general satisfaction, and was appointed CVO at its conclusion.

He left Bonn in 1966 and spent a year at the Imperial Defence College, now the Royal College of Defence Studies, in London. From there he went on secondment to Nato in Brussels, where he spent five years as the Alliance's Director of Information. Like Bonn, it was a testing appointment, the more so because of the treacle-like nature of almost any international organisation.

In 1972 Price retired from Nato, and from the public service. For seven years thereafter he directed the Merseyside Development Office in London. Merseyside's story was at that time at its most dispiriting, and the task was as demanding in its way as that of representing British policy to the German press or Nato policy to the news-hounds of the world.

In 1940 Price married Frances Holland, by whom he had a son and a daughter. The marriage ended in divorce in 1967. In retirement Price lived quietly in Sussex, the routine of his life punctuated with regular returns to the mountains that he loved.

SIR RAYMOND JENNINGS

Sir Raymond Jennings, QC, Master of the Court of Protection, 1956-70, died on March 6 aged 97. He was born on December 12, 1897.

RAYMOND JENNINGS was a man of considerable intellect, of wise and objective judgment, of robust character and of enduring charm in his relations with others. He had all the qualities to have made an excellent High Court judge. But for a dearth of vacancies at the appropriate time he would doubtless have become one.

The son of Sir Arthur Oldham Jennings, Raymond Winter Jennings was educated at Rugby, RMC Sandhurst and Oriel College, Oxford. He served with the Royal Fusiliers in the First World War. On leaving Oxford he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn. When some thirty years later he became a benchers he performed invaluable service as Master of the Moots and generally in relation to the students of the Inn.

His early practice was in Norman Birkett's chambers at the Common Law Bar but he later transferred to Gavin Simonds's chambers in the Chancery Division. By 1945 he had acquired probably the largest junior practice at the Chancery Bar and that year he took silk. He was soon a



success in the front row, where he combined a profound knowledge of the law with a reputation as a most dangerous cross-examiner.

His weapon was not the bludgeon. The courtesy with which he treated witnesses served often only to underline the effectiveness with which he exposed the weaknesses of their evidence. He was an advocate full of arts and resources who possessed also the consummate skill of concealing his arts and resources.

He had no great presence and would not have much impressed a casual intruder into court. But he won a remarkable proportion of his cases. He was immensely thorough in preparation, lucid

in exposition, unruffled in demeanour, adroit in tactics and firm in presentation.

In 1951, six years after Jennings had taken silk, Gerald Uphoff was appointed a judge of the Chancery Division. For the next nine years, there were no further appointments to the Chancery bench. In 1960 Jennings was persuaded at the age of 50, perhaps ill-advisedly, to accept the post of Master of the Court of Protection.

Had he refused, he would surely later have become a High Court judge. Indeed, strong representations were made in favour of his appointment, even after he had become Master of the Court of Protection. To this office he gave 14 years of outstanding and devoted service. He found the department an unhappy one. He left it reorganised, contented and yet more efficient. He was knighted in 1968.

He was a man of wide interests: a talented violinist in his youth, a keen skier, lawn tennis player and fisherman, a good judge of wine, a pillar of local society in the Box Hill area, where for many years he lived before moving to the South Coast.

He married in 1930 Sheila Grant, who died in 1972. He leaves a son and a daughter.

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NEWS

Clinton to let Adams raise funds

President Clinton rebuffed the British Government by granting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Féin President, permission to raise funds in America and inviting him to a St Patrick's Day reception at the White House next Friday.

The decision prompted immediate disapproval in London, with Downing Street pointing out that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had this week advised against such a move while on a visit to Washington. Page 1

Judge to decide on life-saving therapy

The future of a ten-year-old girl with leukaemia will be decided by a High Court judge today. Mr Justice Laws will rule whether to order a district health authority to pay for chemotherapy and a second bone marrow transplant, costing £75,000, that could save her life. Page 1

Curbs on games

The world's largest computer games manufacturers, Nintendo and Sega, face tough curbs after being severely criticised for operating against the public interest in their pricing. Page 2

MP's future in doubt

Robert Hughes, who resigned from the Government on Monday, is to be summoned to an emergency meeting of his constituency executive after new disclosures cast serious doubt on his future as an MP. Page 3

Helicopter order

The Government has announced a £1.2 billion order for 36 RAF transport helicopters. It admitted it had opted for the more expensive of two choices. Page 5

Howard incites fury

Michael Howard has provoked fury among probation officers by suggesting community sentences are a soft option. Page 6

Wigging unlikely

The Lord Chancellor is to end the lengthy and heated debate on wigs with a decision this month, that solicitor-advocates will remain bare-headed. Page 8

Immigration victory

The Government won a significant victory in the High Court when a judge ruled that Britain has the right to impose immigration controls on travellers from European Union states. Page 9

Easter surprise on church posters

The symbol of the cross has been dropped by the Churches Advertising Network because it carries "too much cultural baggage". Instead, posters will display the word "Surprise". Kate Grieves, an advertising manager who helped to mastermind the campaign, asked: "What is this obsession with the Cross?" Page 1

Treatment inquiry

The Government has ordered a regional health authority to explain why a man who suffered head injuries in a hit-and-run accident in Kent had to be flown 200 miles for treatment in Leeds. The man later died. Page 10

Resignation call

Tory MPs demanded the resignation of Greville Janner, the Labour MP chairing the inquiries into "fat cat" salaries, because he is director of a company that helps the same chief executives to improve their presentational skills. Page 11

Bomber identified

The man who built the bomb that exploded in the centre of Johannesburg last year, killing nine, has been revealed in court to be a police informer. Page 12

PLO visit off

Britain backed down in the face of Israeli resistance to a ministerial visit to the Jerusalem headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Page 13

Europe's future

Wolfgang Schäuble, Germany's most influential behind-the-scenes thinker on Europe, has urged greater powers for the Strasbourg parliament. Page 14

Croatia backs down

Croatia appears to be backing down from its threat to expel UN peacekeepers. Page 15



Mrs Kim, wife of the President of South Korea, meets Cecilia Dumont, 11 months, at her nursery school in west London. Page 6

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Post Office: The Government should establish the Post Office as a public limited company, an influential committee of MPs urged. Page 23

Baring: The Singapore authorities have secretly blacklisted former colleagues of Nick Leeson, the Barings trader. Page 23

Executive pay: Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of Kingfisher, the troubled retail group, has taken a 33 per cent pay cut following shareholder dissatisfaction. Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 5.2 points to close at 2906.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 86.0 to 85.9 after a fall from \$1.6220 to \$1.6185 and from DM 2.2489 to DM 2.2481. Page 26

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Rugby union: Wales have made three changes to their team for the match against Ireland on Saturday, March 18. Page 41

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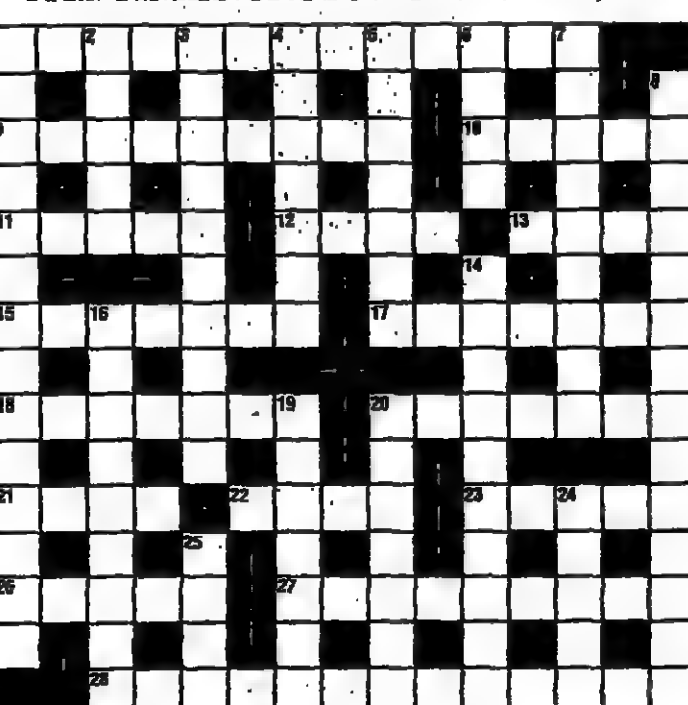
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ACROSS

- Act provocatively, so alteration may be the outcome (5,4,4).
- That's more like it — after training, I went the distance (9).
- The capacity of drunken engineers (5).
- Name of river and state of America (5).
- Match is off (4).
- Ruin a beautiful woman (4).
- I am captivated by girl's face (7).
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- An award — in olden days, you came back without one (4).
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DOWN

- Don't be offended by trick pleasing some (4,2,4,4).
- Troubled with anxiety initially, I was first (5).
- They depend on Hazel — and such as Larry (5-5).
- Fruit with skin might be called bananas (7).
- Confessor, having lost first daughter, became a factor (7).
- Waterproof suit, medium (4).
- Tedious at the start, becoming 'ecic' in addition (7-2).
- Nick - I come to a halt, he helps me get moving about (14).
- Past concealed by wicked beggar (10).
- 'With men' is not exactly 'with it' (2,3,4).
- Retribution is pursuing retreating Kenish men (7).
- Staying stormy and gloomy (7).
- There's nothing in a stratagem to provoke (5).
- Thought I had every advantage initially (4).

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Weathercast: Highest day temp: Scotland, Dorset 100 (80F); lowest day temp: Loch Gascarnoch, Highland, 10 (30F); highest rainfall: Haywards, East Sussex, 0.9in; highest sunshine: Loughrea, Fife, 8.2hrs.

FORECAST

General: England and Wales should be largely dry with clear or sunny periods, but the more western areas will be cloudy with a few showers. These may become prolonged later. Winds will be strong southeasterly, and it will be mild in most places. Scotland and Northern Ireland are expected to be cloudy with rain, perhaps heavy, although eastern Scotland should become drier for a time. Winds will be strong south or southeasterly, and it will be very mild for the time of year.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=blaze; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=drizzle storm; ds+th=drizzle, rain, thunder; f=fog; g=gale; h=heavy rain; s=snow; sh=showers; sh+th=showers, thunder; s+th=snow, thunder; s+th+u=snow, thunder, hail; t=tornado.

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Bulgaria 19 65 c
Canada 13 55 c
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Greece 17 62 c
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GOSSIP

Changes to chart below from noon: low M will move N filling steadily, then will be slow-moving near Iceland and continue to fill; low K will fill and decay.

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Sheffield 7:11
Southampton 7:11
Stirling 7:11
Torbay 7:11
Wrexham 7:11

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Full moon March 17
Sun rises: 6:27 am
Sun sets: 5:56 pm
Moon rises: 11:10 am
Moon sets: 11:10 pm

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Singapore blacklists Leeson colleagues

FROM NEIL BENNETT
IN SINGAPORE

THE Singapore authorities have secretly blacklisted former colleagues of Nick Leeson, the Barings trader, from working in Singapore after attempts by rival futures-dealing firms to recruit them.

The head of a futures firm disclosed yesterday that one company had tried to hire a Barings floor trader who used to work for Mr Leeson, but had been prevented by market regulators. "The company was told that these men are not employable in Singapore anymore," he said.

Barings Futures in Singapore employs more than 20 people, including a group of expatriate floor traders

'There are records that are not there'

whose future there is now uncertain. The Singapore authorities have questioned several of the firm's staff and confiscated their passports, although no further arrests are expected.

The blacklisting has been imposed despite the decision by Internationale Nederlanden Groep to take over the ill-fated futures company. This suggests that the firm will remain frozen by the Singapore courts, while inquiries into alleged fraud continue.

The Singapore courts yesterday appointed two of the country's top accountants to assist the Commer-

cial Affairs Department investigation into alleged fraud in Barings Futures. The two, Michael Lim and Nicky Tan, of Price Waterhouse, previously acted as judicial managers of Barings Futures. They have been empowered to interview senior Barings executives in London about the bank's crash.

A senior investigator yesterday confirmed that some Barings documents may have been destroyed. "There are records that are not there, but it is impossible to conclude whether they were ever there, whether

they have been deliberately removed or whether they have been taken by the CAD," he said.

The investigator denied reports that the last two months of Mr Leeson's trading records have been shredded. "There is a lot of confusion," he said.

Barings's records were badly disturbed when seized by investigators. Sources close to the investigation said that missing records should not hamper inquiries because the Singapore International Monetary Exchange has details of all of Barings's

transactions. Investigators are also expected to rely on video records of the trading floor and audio tapes of Mr Leeson's telephone calls, taken as a regulatory precaution.

The investigator said that it would take at least another month to unravel the alleged fraud. "We are still trying to piece together what happened," he said. "If you know, would you give us a call?"

Investigators are expected to sift through thousands of documents, many of which are alleged to have been forged to hoodwink Barings staff in London about the nature of trading at Barings Futures.

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Halifax and Leeds seek ruling

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

UP TO 10 million customers could receive free shares when Halifax Building Society goes public after its merger with Leeds Permanent. But, for some savers and all borrowers, the bonanza will depend on a High Court hearing this month, where judges will rule on the terms of their conversion scheme.

This aims to reward as many as possible in both societies. The ruling has been sought by the societies and the Building Societies Commission, the industry watchdog. Halifax and Leeds are seeking to include in the share-out savers of less than two years' standing and borrowers. Both have been excluded from cash bonuses in the £1.8 billion takeover of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society by Lloyds Bank.

Jon Foulds, Halifax chairman, said it and the Leeds contend the C&G judgment does not apply in their case, as they are proposing a distribution of shares, not of cash.

He added that, whereas the C&G deal was governed by section 100 (9) of the Building Societies Act, the Halifax conversion was covered by Section 100 (8). This states that the rights to acquire shares in priority to other subscribers is restricted to members of at least two years' standing.

The concern for the rights of savers who have been customers for less than two years indicates Halifax might take the chance to go public earlier than had been expected.

When the merger was announced in November, it seemed it would be timed for late 1996, or early 1997. By then, anyone who had just become a member of either society at the cut-off date of November 25, 1994, would easily have fulfilled the two-year qualification. But a flotation in spring or summer 1996 might leave thousands out.

BUSINESS TODAY

FT-SE 100	2988.9	(-5.2)
FT-SE 100	4.25%	
FT-SE 100	1471.59	(-1.18)
Nikkei	16763.06	(+141.77)
Dow Jones	9274.55	(-5.18)
S&P Composite	482.73	(-0.41)
Federal Funds	5.5%	(5.5%)
Long Bond	101.7%	(100%)
Yield	7.53%	(7.53%)
3-month interest rate	8.75%	(8.75%)
Libor long 91	100%	(100%)
New York	1.8160*	(1.8082)
London	1.8155	(1.8194)
DM	2.2470	(2.2530)
FF	8.0000	(8.0120)
SP	1.1500*	(1.1522)
Yen	146.20	(147.51)
£/¥	95.9	(96.0)
Tokyo close	Yen 91.38	
Brent 16-day (May)	\$18.00	(\$18.00)
London close	\$381.55	(\$381.38)

On a Roll

Rolls-Royce is gearing up to develop two new engines for the next generation of long-haul jets, based on tried and tested technology. Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, says the company will aim to develop engines for both the Boeing 747 super-jumbo and a heavy-payload Airbus A340, if the aircraft manufacturers decide to go ahead with the planes.

Less hostile

BTR, which is renowned for hostile bids, is now more likely to consider small, add-on acquisitions rather than a purchase in the "mega-buck class," said Alan Jackson, chief executive.

MPs push PLC plan for Post Office

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government should establish the Post Office as a public limited company, cutting its main ties with the Treasury, and remove all commercial restrictions from the sub-post offices, an influential committee of MPs urged yesterday.

The proposal is specifically aimed at breaking what MPs called the "political deadlock" over the Post Office following the failure of the Government to privatise the Royal Mail.

The Commons trade and industry select committee endorsed what it called a "new and innovative way" of achieving commercialisation of the PO, which was neither privatisation nor public ownership, but which MPs said could be developed into "workable" legislation.

The proposal to convert the PO into a 100 per cent Government-owned PLC, a move which has been made in a number of other European countries, essentially adopts an idea put forward by Bill Robinson, adviser to the previous Chancellor Norman Lamont, in a report commissioned by the postal trade unions from the consultants London Economics.

Under the proposal, the PO would be subject to normal PLC legal and commercial disciplines; it would pay dividends to the Government, be free to borrow and invest, and be able to enter joint ventures.

The committee put forward a series of caveats to ensure that a PO PLC would not be competing unfairly and to avoid the threat of an outside possible takeover.

Calling on the Government to "respond positively" to the proposal, Richard Caborn, the committee's chairman, said: "It is clear that the Government can no longer sit on the fence and argue that there is no middle way between privatisation and the status quo."

While Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who strongly favoured full PO privatisation, told the select committee he was "interested in the possibility" of a PLC structure, officials of the DTI are now trying to pull the Government's position back from any suggestion of endorsing the idea.

They are suggesting instead that Mr Heseltine is now considering the idea of the PO converting its constituent business units, including the Royal Mail, into PO-owned PLCs, and are insisting that moving the PO into a PLC structure would not achieve the PO Board's objective of easing the constraints on the postal business's public financing system.

The DTI would say publicly yesterday only that it would respond to the committee's proposal in due course. However, Mike Heron, PO chairman, welcomed the committee's findings and said the sooner commercial freedom was granted the better. Labour and the postal unions also welcomed it.

The committee also recommended the removal of all restrictions on Britain's sub-postmasters in order to give them full commercial freedom, and proposed that the Government should specify the "minimum acceptable" number of post offices across the country.

Dr Jack Cunningham, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, pledged that a future Labour government would end the PO's current programme of franchising out local post offices.

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Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy is waiving his bonus after shareholders expressed dissatisfaction with the group's performance

Big payoff for GrandMet executive

Kingfisher chief takes £300,000 income cut

BY SUSAN GLUCHRIST AND MARTIN WALLER

SIR Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of Kingfisher, the troubled retailer, has taken a 33 per cent pay cut after shareholder dissatisfaction with the group's poor performance.

Sir Geoffrey was paid just over £1 million excluding pension contributions in the year to January 29, 1994. Yesterday Kingfisher announced that his remuneration for the past year would not exceed £700,000.

The cut reflects Sir Geoffrey's decision to waive his long-term incentive bonus and a reduction in his performance-related bonus. However, his basic salary remains unchanged at £630,000, in spite of his recent move from chairman to chief executive.

Kingfisher also revealed that compensation payments to the four directors ousted this year

would not exceed £3 million. Alan Smith, chief executive, James Kerr-Muir, finance director, Nigel Whittaker, corporate affairs director, and Tim Breen, group development director, were all casualties of attempts to restore the group's ailing fortunes.

It was estimated that the combined payoffs of these directors, who were all on three-year rolling contracts, could total as much as £5 million. Kingfisher is to replace all three-year rolling contracts with two-year ones.

Ian Martin, former deputy chairman of Grand Metropolitan, is to receive a £556,000 payoff in return for a complete break with the food and drink combine and the cancellation of a three-year service agreement almost two years early.

The money will be paid even though Mr Martin, who was passed over for the top job at GrandMet, has two other jobs. He is already chairman, chief executive and founder of Glenista Group, an investment partnership with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the US finance company.

He has also been appointed chairman of Unigate, the food-to-dairies group, on a part-time basis at a salary of £175,000 a year.

Mr Martin's service agreement dates back to February last year, when he stood down as deputy chairman of GrandMet. He was kept on as a consultant for a three-year period on an annual salary of between £450,000 and £500,000.

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Slowdown predicted for Britain

BRITAIN'S economy is set to slow down sharply, according to the latest cyclical indicators published by the Central Statistical Office (Janet Bush writes).

The longer leading indicator, which is designed to predict economic activity 13 months in advance, fell in January for the seventh month in a row. All its components — including housing starts and the Confederation of British Industry's measure of business optimism — declined.

The CSO's shorter leading index, which predicts activity five months ahead, also fell in January. This was the fourth consecutive monthly decline and reflected falling share prices, new car registrations and consumer confidence.

The coincident index, which reflects current economic activity, continued to rise in January but at a slower rate because of slowing industrial output.

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David Lloyd heads City's Oscars

BY MARTIN BARROW

DAVID LLOYD, founder of the thriving sports clubs group, was named as entrepreneur of the year in the 1994 PLC Awards — the City's Oscars — at London's Grosvenor House Hotel last night.

David Lloyd Leisure shares have risen to 245p from the 1993 float price of 150p. Pre-tax profits last year rose to £7.6 million (£5.67 million). Rivals for the award were Chris Ingram, of CIA, the media group, and Tim Martin, of JD Wetherspoon, the pub group.

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industrial filter manufacturer secured a listing in March 1994 at 200p. The shares traded yesterday at 253p. Other contenders for the award were Applied Distribution, TriStar Group and Fintel.

First Technology, the automotive safety specialist, was named as company of the year, ahead of three other strong contenders — Ashtead Group, Sheriff Holdings and Taylor Nelson. FirstTec is the world leader in inertia switches, which cut off fuel pumps in case of accidents. It also makes crash-test dummies and is the only supplier of fuel

sensors to car manufacturers. Best performing share was Hawtrey Whiting, which provides design and engineering services to industry. In 1994 the company's shares rose to 220p from 42.5p.

Geest, the fruit importer, won the best annual report award, and the Waverley Penny Share Fund, was the best performing smaller company fund. The inaugural winner of the PLC achievement award was Brian Winterlood, managing director of Winterlood Securities, for his support for the market in smaller company shares.

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□ Generous pay-off for part-timer □ Post Office puzzle □ Relief for Barings depositors

Metropolitan manners

□ LET'S GET the bouquets over first. Grand Metropolitan is to be complimented for the openness with which it revealed to the world, unbidden and unforced, the huge payment being made to Ian Martin in return for a clean divorce, rather than waiting to have the information dragged out of the report and accounts almost a year from now.

Mr Martin is an excellent manager, renowned around the world for his abilities. He steered GrandMet through the 1989 purchase of Pillsbury, the most significant move in its history. He is an amiable man, good company and doubtless kind to children and animals.

(Deep breath). Now the brickbats. His pay-off from a part-time job at GrandMet, and a role summed up as that of a "sound-board" and provider of advice to the chairman, is only the latest example of breathtaking corporate greed. It will not be the last until natural shame on the part of directors, a Labour government or the Last Trumpet — and readers may judge for themselves which of the three is likely to arrive first — calls a halt.

Payments for loss of office are known as compensation payments, oddly enough, because they are designed to compensate the recipients for the heart-breaking experience of finding themselves out on the street. In

some cases the street is where they deserve to be, having lost their livelihoods through incompetence or sloth, but Christian charity should perhaps not begrudge them a pay-off to smooth over life's rougher patches.

They are not designed to fill the back pockets of someone who already has, count them, not one but two jobs lined up. Mr Martin's financial arrangements with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts are quite reasonably not in the public eye, but KKR is not exactly known for its stinginess to top executives, and Mr Martin is also likely to enjoy some sort of equity stake and therefore a good chance of another fortune if he does the job right.

His pay at Unigate is about in line for that sort of post, but £175,000 a year is itself hardly a trifle. He continued to be paid the best part of half a million pounds a year by GrandMet after he lost out in the race for the top job under a highly unusual consultancy agreement largely, one suspects, because he was on a three-year rolling contract at £690,000 a year and GrandMet did not want the trouble of legal

action if they let him go. It was easier to pay him for the remainder of that period, therefore, and gain some benefit from his experience. Deputy chairman, and head of the remuneration committee there, by the by, is the same Richard Giordano who in another boardroom entirely has been so generous to Cedric Brown.

Lawyers are lawyers, contracts are contracts, and GrandMet has gone the easy way again. Shareholders who made such a fuss at the annual meeting little more than a week ago have, alas, a long wait before they can express their displeasure again.

Postal delivery now overdue

□ RICHARD Caborn, skilful chairman of the Trade and Industry Select Committee, reckons he has offered Government a practical solution to the problems facing the Post Office. Converting it into a state-owned company, he argues, is not privatisation and it is not public ownership as we know it — it is a new



and innovative way of achieving commercialisation with Parliamentary accountability.

This compromise, based on the study by London Economics for Post Office unions, should not convince anyone intellectually. But it could be pragmatically convenient. The Cabinet is fully committed to privatisation but has abandoned it *pro tem* because it could not get the legislation through the Commons, let alone the Lords.

The ITSC formula would be a useful staging point on the way to privatisation, should Messrs Major, Heseltine *et al* ever be able to assemble a majority. At the same time, it would defuse the long-running issue and still allow the Treasury to exercise

full control through the boardroom, should it so wish. For Labour, the state plc offers an equally good alibi, keeping all its options open.

That does not mean it will happen. The Treasury neatly anticipated such a wheeze last year. It destroyed the precedent by bringing BNFL into the public sector accounts after a generation as a little-known anomaly. Whitehall's counter-compromise is to keep the Post Office itself as a nationalised industry while making its main operating subsidiaries plcs.

Given goodwill, this need not make much difference. But there is not much goodwill around, especially from Treasury officials who see providers of a wonderful revenue balancer trying to slip away.

Certainly the Post Office needs a new identity. Eventually, that should probably be as a statutory company, privately funded but only with limited dividend capital to match its statutory monopoly privileges. The urgent matter is to maintain such of these privileges as are required to maintain the post network the

public still demands. They imply a need for strict accountability, whether the Post Office is in the public sector or the private.

Sums that let the City down

□ RAPID unfreezing of deposits with Barings will minimise the harm done to the City of London by the keynote merchant bank's default. In the event, holders of equity, preference shares, floating rate notes and subordinated bonds have all lost heavily.

Crucially, however, trading contracts have or should be met, including the fatal ones made in Singapore that eventually cost about £860 million. That is about as bad as London bankers sitting round the table at the Bank of England two weekends ago might have imagined. Yet it is far from certain that Barings lost more than bank regulators regarded as its capital. ING has invested £660 million and reckons its Barings businesses are capitalised at £240 million. These do not include the Barings group's stake in Dillon Read.

They do include the asset management business, which might be worth about £400 million more than its balance sheet value in a normal sale.

Had London's big boys been prepared to do what ING did a week later, they would have come to little harm and would have saved London's face. In the event, they became hooked on fear about the open derivatives contracts and predicated rescues on closing them before the markets opened — a dead end as it turned out.

As a result of this miscalculation, a tier of London's banking structure is likely to fade away over the next few years. In effect, the "Big Bang II" restructuring, much talked of when Warburg made its abortive overtures to Morgan Stanley, will be more certain and come faster.

Exactly how it will come is far less certain. Replications of the ING/Barings or Deutsche Bank/Morgan Grenfell deals are likely. One alternative is for an investment bank to unravel itself, getting out of securities and reverting to a pre-Big Bang merchant bank on the lines of Lazard. The Warburg/Morgan Stanley model should not be written off either. In that unhappy affair, poor execution provided the disaster, rather than the original concept. It might work for someone else.

BTR looking for smaller, add-on acquisitions

By MARTIN WALLER

BTR, the industrial conglomerate renowned for hostile bids, is now more likely to consider small, add-on acquisitions rather than a purchase in the "mega-buck class," said Alan Jackson, chief executive. But this could change if the right opportunity came along, although situations where BTR could improve management and add value were inevitably rare. "One knock-on effect of the recession is a whole lot more businesses are performing much better and not underperforming, as they were in the 1980s," he said.

BTR was announcing better-than-expected full-year

profits but a cautious view of UK economic prospects. Pre-tax profits for 1994 rose 11 per cent to £1.412 billion on turnover from continuing activities up 12 per cent at £9.11 billion.

The group is making a final dividend payment of 8.3p, making 13.5p, up from 12.25p. Last year's total rises to 14.8p once the enhanced foreign income dividend paid halfway is included. The payment comes out of fully-diluted earnings per share that advanced from 22.2p to 22.7p.

Norman Ireland, chairman, said through the last quarter of 1994 BTR had seen improved trading giving rise to

higher sales and orders, a trend that had continued into the first two months of this year. "Our view, supported by the current improving trend in orders, is that 1995 will see another rise in sales and profits."

But economic growth had been "less marked" in the UK, and against a background of some political uncertainty and rising interest rates, together with sluggish order activity in the rail and electric power businesses, only "patchy growth" was expected to continue there.

BTR has decided to suspend the issue of share warrants, a feature of the past six years, after taking a view on cash generation and a projection of the group's development over the next five years.

Once the \$618 million purchase of Formica, agreed at the end of 1994, is funded, BTR will have debts of £1.8 billion and gearing of 48 per cent. Mr Jackson said it could contemplate borrowings of twice this level if needed for the right acquisition.

"Historically, BTR has felt confident enough of its ability to produce good cash flow to go through 100 per cent gearing," he added. This had happened three times in the 1980s. He could also not rule out share issues to fund expansion.



Alan Jackson reported increased profits of £1.4bn

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Redwood loss pulls back IMI

IMI, the Midlands engineering group, is confident of further progress this year in spite of reporting lower full-year profits as a result of a £36 million loss on the sale of Redwood International. Pre-tax profits before exceptional charges advanced 19 per cent to £85.3 million in the year to December 31, but the Redwood loss cut the final pre-tax profits to £50.3 million (£70.2 million). Turnover grew to £1.16 billion (£1.07 billion).

Earnings fell to 6p (13.8p) a share, but the total dividend is raised to 10.5p (10p), with an increased final dividend of 6.1p (5.8p) payable on May 22.

Willis Corroon cuts 800 jobs

By SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

WILLIS CORROON, the insurance broking group, is axing 800 jobs as part of a wide-ranging restructuring aimed at cutting costs by £39 million a year.

The redundancies, 500 of which have taken place since November, are worldwide and will cut the workforce by 7 per cent to about 10,600. It has set aside £20.1 million to cover the costs, which with provisions for property write-downs, office closures and staff relocation, caused a £49.1 million exceptional charge, £9.1 million higher than it expected last year. However, the annual cost savings, which represent 6 per cent of the

group's cost base, are £9 million higher than originally anticipated.

Max Taylor, chief operating officer, said the restructuring, involving cutting management layers and refocusing the group, would give £26 million cost savings this year.

After the exceptional charge, pre-tax profits in the year to December 31 fell from £76.2 million to £5.6 million on turnover down from £707.6 million to £671.3 million. The first interim dividend, due April 3, was held at 1.65p, making an unchanged total of 6.6p. Post-exceptional earnings per share on continuing operations were 0.3p (10.9p).

The final dividend is lifted to 10.1p (9.5p) making a total payout of 15.0p (14.2p).

Hogg leaves after 20 years

By SUSAN GILCHRIST

SIR CHRISTOPHER HOGG is stepping down as chairman of Courtaulds Textiles, Britain's second largest textiles company, after a 20-year association with the business.

Sir Christopher became chairman of Courtaulds Textiles when it was spun off from Courtaulds, the chemicals company where he was also chairman, at the beginning of 1990.

In May 1993 he relinquished the chairmanship of Courtaulds Textiles to Martin Tay-

lor, then group chief executive, only to return six months later when Mr Taylor was headhunted to Barclays.

Sir Christopher will be succeeded by John Eccles, who has been a non-executive director of Courtaulds Textiles for three years. Mr Eccles is also chairman of Chamberlain & Hill, deputy chairman of Glynwed International and a director of Chamberlain Phipps.

The news accompanied the group's results which showed a 22 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £47.3 million in the

year to December 31, up from £38.8 million in the previous period and ahead of City expectations of about £45 million. The group's share price jumped 10p to 426p. Noel Jervis, chief executive, said the improvement had been achieved despite substantial increases in the price of raw materials. "It's so far so good," he said. "But the situation is not getting any easier."

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John Lewis beats high street gloom with 25% rise

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP, one of Britain's biggest private companies, defied the sluggish trend on the high street to report a 25 per cent increase in profits last year (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Pre-tax profits rose to £116.8 million from £93.2 million in the year to

January 28 on sales 6 per cent higher at £2.6 billion, up from £2.4 billion.

Stuart Hampson, chairman, said the group had made strong headway in a weak market. "We have done so by offering our customers good value rather than spurious discounts," he said. The group's 22 department stores

again provided the engine for growth. Like-for-like sales rose by 6 per cent while trading profits jumped by 26 per cent. Mr Hampson said it vindicated the group's decision to provide full-range department stores rather than just clothing ranges.

He said Waitrose had stemmed

recent losses and benefited from Sunday opening. He said the group remained committed to its partnership structure and had no intention of going public. The group's 34,000 partners will receive a 12 per cent bonus, equivalent to six weeks' extra pay.

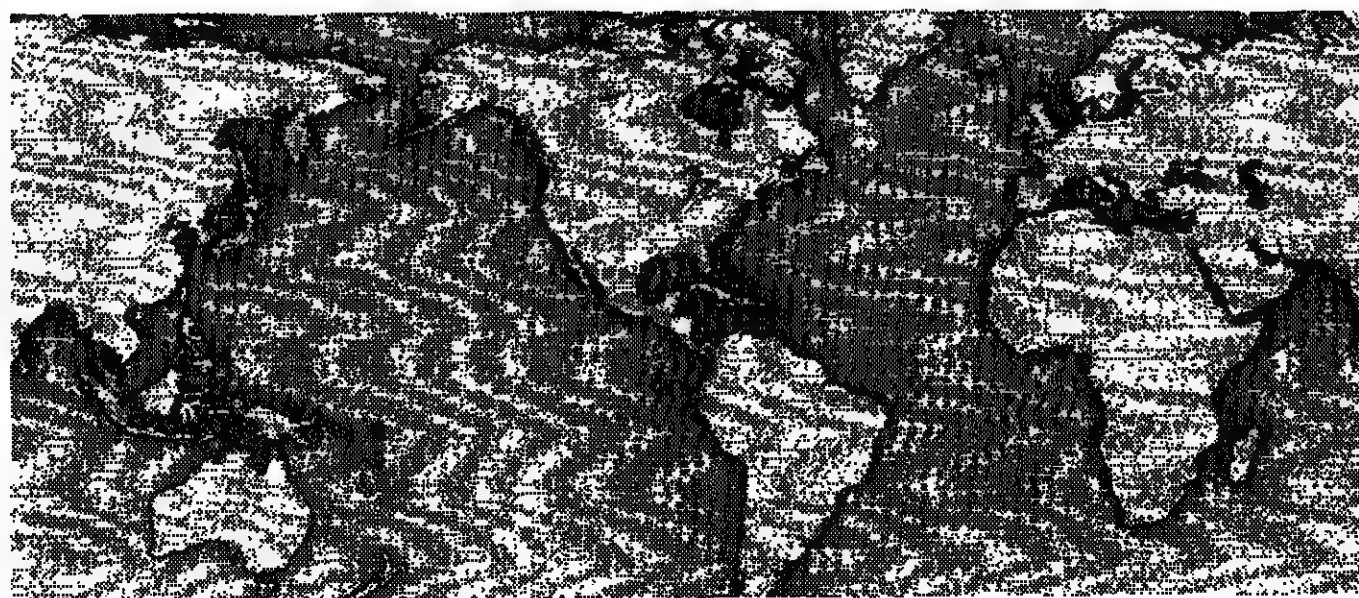
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Earnings of
£871m – up 8.6% on 1993.

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MICHAEL CLARK

Generators see their power ebbing away

PARTLY-PAID shares in the two power generators, which began trading earlier this week after the Government's sell-off of its remaining 40 per cent, dropped like a stone as private and institutional investors beat a path for the exit.

By the close of business last night, both categories of shares were trading at a discount as the City continued to express its anger at the Government's handling of the privatisation in the light of the regulator's announcement about tough new pricing controls.

There wasn't a buyer to be seen as PowerGen, offered at 185p, tumbled 1p to close at a discount of 176p on turnover of almost 4 million shares, while National Power, offered at 170p, lost 9p to 160p as more than 7 million changed hands. Fund managers have been barely able to contain their anger this week, claiming they have been tricked by the Government, which has already admitted it thought of pulling the issue, at one stage, after seeing the regulator's report.

There was talk in the Square Mile last night that some investors may choose to withhold payment when it falls due on Monday. There were also claims that American institutional investors are contemplating legal action against the Government.

The fully-paid shares in the power generators also suffered, with National Power losing 9p at 433p and PowerGen 7p at 463p. But the electricity distributors began to claw back some of this week's huge losses, with even Northern Electric rising 25p to 818p. The deadline for the £1.23 billion bid from Trafalgar House is 1pm today. The Northern share price has fallen around 25 per cent since the regulator announced his move on Tuesday, and there have been fears among speculators, who are now sitting on potentially huge losses, that Trafalgar will walk away. But last night it was looking as if Trafalgar will attempt to renegotiate the terms. Trafalgar was unchanged at 59p. Elsewhere in the sector, East Midlands rose 37p to 598p, Eastern, 17p to 577p, Manweb, 11p to 645p, Midlands, 39p to 621p, Norwest, 21p to 646p, Seaboard, 22p to 635p and South West, 36p to 646p.

The rest of the equity market experienced another nervous session, giving up some early gains to dip back below the 3,000 level. Continuing worries about the upheavals on world currency markets and general unease felt by investors towards financial markets generally cast a shadow over the FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of 21.1 points wiped out to end the day 5.2

Trevor Harrison, R-R chief executive, and Sir Ralph Robins

difficulties covering open positions. Warburg said there was no truth in the story. There was heavy option activity in United Biscuits with someone paying 13p for the call in the August 390 series as 1,500 contracts, equivalent to 1.5 million shares, were completed. Once again there is talk that the group is close to selling its

down at 2,986.9 in thin trading, which saw fewer than 600 million shares traded.

SG Warburg fell to 678p before finishing 7p off at 699p. The selling was prompted by whispers that the company had problems meeting its obligations on Frankfurt's DTB futures market. Stories circulating earlier in the day claimed that one of the big German banks had got into

stake in Nutricia, the Dutch baby foods group, for over £200 million. The underlying shares closed 12p better at 352p. Shares in the independent television and radio broadcasting companies came under pressure after the Government ruled out reform of the cross-ownership regulations that prevent newspaper publishers holding stakes of

more than 20 per cent. Capital Radio fell 12p to 361p, Chertem Radio, 25p to 381p, Grampian Television, 9p to 264p, HTV, 6p to 152p, Scottish Television, 20p to 408p, Yorkshire Television, 30p to 380p and Ulster Television, 19p to 645p.

Northern Water marked time at 820p after asking the French company, Lyonnaise des Eaux to put up, or shut up. Earlier this week Lyonnaise announced it proposed to bid for Northern Water and would wait for the outcome of a Monopolies Commission reference before issuing terms. Northern Water is arguing that this would create too much disruption to the business.

BTR firmed 3p to 311p, supported by some better-than-expected full year figures and optimistic comments about current trading.

GKN, Britain's biggest engineering group, celebrated its first dividend increase in five years and the absence of a much feared rights issue as a rise of 14p to 57p. Total dividend was raised from 20p to 21p.

Full-year figures from Rolls-Royce, the aero engine group, chaired by Sir Ralph Robins, were at the top end of City expectations, with pre-tax profits climbing from £76 million to £101 million, despite a drop in sales from £3.5 billion to £3.2 billion. Much of the improvement came from cost-cutting exercises and the successful development of the new Trent engine.

Enterprise Oil shed 1p to 394p as it displayed the scars of losing the battle for control of Lomo last year. Net profits tumbled from £94.7 million to £71 million after taking into account provisions relating to the bid.

GILT-EDGED: Gilt had a see-saw session, ending virtually unchanged. The movements were largely technical and led by the future, with the June long gilt finishing three ticks down at £101.1/32 as 65,000 contracts were traded.

In long, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 was steady at 94 1/2, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost a tick to 97 1/2.

NEW YORK: US shares were lower as investors grappled with concern about the dollar and interest rates. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.18 points at 3,974.05

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Source: Reuters. Prices are in US dollars unless otherwise stated.

COMMODITIES

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Robusta	ICE	104.00	+0.10
WHEAT			
Hard Red Winter	CBOT	1.10	+0.01
Soft Red Winter	CBOT	1.10	+0.01
SOYBEANS			
Hard	CBOT	1.10	+0.01
Soft	CBOT	1.10	+0.01
CORN			
Yellow	CBOT	1.10	+0.01
White	CBOT	1.10	+0.01
WHEAT			
Hard Red Winter	CBOT	1.10	+0.01

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tiny stamping ground

TINY ROWLAND may no longer be flavour of the month at Lonrho, but they still rate him in Ghana. Ashanti Goldfields, the Lonrho-managed gold mine of which Tiny is still a director, held its annual general meeting recently in the Len Clay football stadium, Obuasi. My mole tells me when other directors were introduced to the crowd there was two minutes of polite applause. But when Tiny's name was mouthed shareholders went wild. An old Africa hand tells me: "My awe on first sight of the Valley of a Thousand Hills some years ago had nothing on this. The stadium shook with stamping feet. The air was rent with traditional African greetings." Whatever it be like at the Barbican when Lonrho shareholders gather for their agm on March 24, I wonder?

Lambeth gnomes

UBS, already a consultant to 160 local authorities in Britain on Treasury management, has just been signed up by Lambeth Council at an annual fee of £35,000 to advise on the restructuring of its whopping £805 million long-term debt. Lambeth, which used to proclaim itself a nuclear free zone, is now ground for UBS, and the gnomes of Zurich are said already to have saved Lambeth taxpayers an estimated £700,000. But don't expect Lambeth Council to be in the money markets just yet. Gary Moss, director of finance, told councillors at a closed session: "We still have problems in the money markets because of our name".



"Frankly, I'm getting a tiny bit tired of computer games."

Going east

MIKE Unsworth, main board director of Smith New Court, is today leaving for Hong Kong, where he has been made deputy chief executive of Smith New Court Far East. He will head the Hong Kong and China broking business. He does not speak Cantonese or Mandarin, but should have time to learn. His secondment is for three years.

Flag waving

AT the "Finland in Europe" lunch at the Brewery yesterday, at which Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, provided the Cabinet's contribution, Leif Blomquist, the Finnish ambassador, felt obliged to explain why his country's blue-and-white national flag was twice as large as the Union Jack. The reason was not the size of the Finnish ego, but a new rule that members of the European Union should display flags in proportion to the physical size of their country. The audience swallowed the explanation and tucked into their reindeer fillet and Lapp potatoes.

THERE once was a bank named Bax. Who sent his head office a fax. But they paid no attention. Not even a mention. And now they are all on the racks.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Thinking big makes little sense for the world's poor

Janet Bush on the passing of macro reforms in development

Cedric Brown is best known for being the man who took a large pay rise at British Gas while considering pay cuts for his employees. It is less widely known that Mr Brown is a member of the Government's advisory committee on business and the environment.

Lord Alexander of Weedon's main job is chairman of National Westminster Bank. But he is also one of a high level group of "five wise persons" advising the Government on sustainable development issues. Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest, sits on the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the EC consultative forum on the environment.

It is public knowledge that a relatively small group of highly paid top businessmen and industrialists dominate the membership of Britain's network of quangos, remuneration committees and advisory boards. Thanks go to Nick Mayhew, environmentalist and business lecturer, for revealing that some of the same people are heavily involved in development policy too.

This is just one illustration of how development issues are dominated by big interests, big players. At the Social Summit in Copenhagen this week, large NGOs (non-governmental organisations), including Oxfam and Christian Aid, were on the brink of walking out because they were not being allowed access to key committee meetings.

Such exclusion — finally resolved yesterday — was probably to be expected at the 50th anniversary meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank last autumn, when NGOs, often unwelcome critics of their policies, were allowed a tiny boxroom to hold briefings and meetings.

Events this week question the extent to which there has been any rapprochement between the big money/big player approach to development and the grassroots work of organisations such as Oxfam. There had been some encouraging signs. The World Bank's stand-offish view of NGOs has slowly begun to change because of a realisation that pure macro-economic reform without poverty alleviation and social programmes to ease the pain of transition is unsustainable.

Big infrastructure projects, though still important, are no longer so dominant. In the past five years, the proportion of World Bank lending devoted to "basic" development needs such as clean water, education and health has risen from about 5 per cent to nearer 20 per cent.

This switch is born of past failures. An example of generous but misguided aid was the building of a new hospital in Uganda about three years ago.



Many women in the developing world lost jobs through privatisation and an issue close to Cedric Brown

There were two problems. Firstly, Uganda could not afford to run the hospital once it was built. Secondly, user fees for healthcare were introduced under a strict World Bank-designed structural adjustment policy, and Ugandans could not afford to use the hospital.

Donors are beginning to recognise the effectiveness of aid targeted at the micro-level. The best schemes are not designed, imposed and run by outsiders but work because they involve local people.

Baroness Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development and the Government's representative (in the absence of both John Major and Douglas Hurd) at this week's Summit, talks enthusiastically about the National Association of Business Women in Malawi, which has got village women growing their own vegetables and digging trenches to collect rainwater.

Then there is the clever introduction by the Government of a breed of long-horned cattle to the Umberera region of Uganda that produces low fat milk.

Womankind Worldwide, based in Britain, is at the cutting edge of the new thinking. It concentrates on development, not relief, and it specifically supports women, critical players in the struggle for sustainable development but long neglected by past development policies.

Among about 150 projects around the world, Womankind supports a livestock coop-

erative for hill tribes women in southern India, trains people to make solar ovens in Mexico, provides money to send girls to secondary school in Zimbabwe, gives revolving loans to women farmers in Ghana and runs literacy programmes for agricultural labourers in Nicaragua.

An enthusiast for Womankind's work, Lady Chalker favours a "back to basics" approach to development, not only because it is more effective but because she believes that local-level development is crucial if macro-economic reform is to be successful. "We are asking people to make

Womenkind are at the cutting edge of the new thinking

very painful economic decisions and they ought to have projects to help them get through," she said.

She argues that practical relief at village level would do far more to win people's patience and acceptance of economic reform than large infrastructure projects that are too remote to ordinary people. It has taken a long time for donors such as Britain to recognise that macro-economic reform without development from the bottom upwards is not working. The World Bank

still sits in an uncomfortable half-way house.

Officials remain wedded to a deeply conservative view of macro-economic reform based on classic free-market thinking: balanced budgets, low inflation, free trade, privatisation and deregulation. And yet there is, at the same time, a long-delayed acknowledgement that macro reform alone has not worked in most cases. Not only have many countries that have been structurally adjusted failed to grow any faster, but poverty and social deprivation have increased.

The World Bank believed that their adjustment programmes would involve only a short and shallow transition. That has now changed. The bank has recognised the need for social safety-nets to mitigate the pain of structural adjustment programmes. As one official put it: "We have got religion." Short, sharp shock macro-economics is now being supplemented by long-term investment in people.

The World Bank's strategy document for the Copenhagen Summit listed four priorities: investing in basic education; girls' education; cost-effective health services; and early childhood development. Development, it says, must be "people-oriented and include efforts to reduce inequality and better management of economic change". The intractable — and perhaps unavoidable — flaw in the World Bank's new twin track approach is that macro-economic

reform, which invariably involves squeezing economies, often threatens social development and hits the poor particularly hard.

Kate Young, Womankind's director, reported from Nicaragua: "The usual IMF and World Bank nostrums are having a very negative effect on the poor." Reforms had filled the shops in Managua with imported foodstuffs, boutiques sported glamorous clothes and flashy new restaurants and bars had opened up. But there were also beggars of all ages and signs of growing prostitution — a sure sign of increasing poverty. Many women in the countryside had been thrown out of their jobs courtesy of privatisation and rationalisation.

That is something which Cedric Brown is familiar with. British Gas's rationalisation plans aim to lose 25,000 jobs, a third of the workforce, over the next three years.

Barings fall rids Simex of a wild card

Neil Bennett, in Singapore, hears how rivals saw the heyday of Nick Leeson

Futures traders in Singapore are angry at the damage that the failure of Barings Futures has done to the reputation of the Singapore International Monetary Exchange and other Simex members. Slowly, they are beginning to speak out, albeit anonymously, about the firm and its bizarre ways.

The head of a rival futures firm that watched the exponential growth of Barings Futures makes no secret of his satisfaction at the company's subsequent distress. "The Barings traders were very arrogant when they were the biggest traders. The futures community is not going to miss Barings."

Barings was a late-comer to the 11-year-old Simex market. It gained a seat only in 1992, when more than 300 firms traded there. The futures chief remembers Nick Leeson from almost the day he arrived to set up a futures back office.

"He went around trying to get business from other firms," he said. Mr Leeson tried to market Barings' links with

much of this trading was on Barings' own books. "There was talk in the market that Barings must be crazy to be trading like that. But no one fully understood what they were doing."

Ironically, Simex awarded Barings a trophy last year, as part of the market's tenth anniversary, for doing the most customer business. In reality, there were no customers. Barings Futures Singapore had only four clients and three of them were other group subsidiaries. However, while Nick Leeson predicted the direction of the Nikkei index correctly, the firm made vast profits.

All this activity was useful for the 37 other members of the market. "They provided a lot of liquidity," said the futures chief. If a firm had a position, it could rely on Barings to buy it. Since the collapse of Barings, daily bargains on Simex have fallen by up to half.

At the heart of Barings' wild activity, there was always Nick Leeson. "He was the most visible of expatri-

It did not seem strange at the time... Barings had a good name?

ates. The Barings were good. When you are a big trader you win everyone's esteem. All eyes were on him." Mr Leeson basked in being seen as the market's big

hitter, a complete contrast to his time as a securities clerk with Coutts and then Morgan Stanley in London.

The Barings traders underestimated the size of the Japanese stock market. Simex is a backwater to the vast Tokyo and Osaka markets. As big as Barings was in Singapore, it could never hope to influence the Japanese market, as the Nikkei's slide after the Kobe earthquake proved.

Simex has settled down since the Barings crash, particularly after Singapore's operation to close Barings's loss-making futures positions. Remaining dealers are shaken, but believed that a wild force in the market has gone. Investigations into what went on in Barings Futures will continue for months and the company may well never reopen. If ING is ever allowed to bring it back to Simex, the bank's new subsidiary will return as a very different business.

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Profit before tax	116.8	93.2	25
Taxation	22.5	16.2	
Preference dividends	0.2	0.2	
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Who speaks for bank customers?

From Dr Robert M.H. Lefever

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Yours faithfully
ROBERT LEFEVER,
2a Pelham Street
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Outcry from buyers of PowerGen and National Power is opportunistic

From Mr Malcolm Grimston

Sir, Even as a small shareholder, I knew the risk I was taking when I applied for 800 shares in National Power and PowerGen. It was a combination of the general risks of shareholding, and the particular risks of this still-misfiring industry.

I therefore find it difficult to have any sympathy with the institutions which subscribed to this offer. Indeed, I find it difficult to see how else the Government could have acted. To abandon the offer before the publication of the regulator's ideas would have prompted a panic over-reaction far more serious than that which has occurred, to the detriment

of many shareholders in the Res and in the other generators.

Caveat emptor. I bought National Power and PowerGen because I have been impressed by their success in developing overseas markets; it has been clear for five years that their domestic position would weaken as competition increased.

The regulator has not changed that fundamental position, and the complaints from investors who should know better sound opportunistic. Yours faithfully,
M.C. GRIMSTON,
67 Trevelyan Road,
Tooting, SW7.

Ban buyouts from receivers

From Michael R Bond

Sir, The relief I felt that the receivers at Pentos did not sell it back to the management will, I suspect, be shared by many others. Time and again we have seen management buyouts followed by bonanzas for the new owners.

I can accept that this can arise from releasing entrepreneurial talent from the strait-jacket of a large corporation, and fully support buyouts from existing owners where the strengths of the parties are equal. But the case of a company in receivership is entirely different.

The scandal of strategic liquidation to offload liabilities and restarting with the same management buying the assets from the receiver should be ended once and for all by a ban on managers of a business in liquidation being bidders for it.

This would certainly focus existing management's time and talent on ensuring they maintain it as an on-going concern, and remove the temptation to let it run down a bit for a cheap buyout. Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL R. BOND,
119 High Street,
Chesham,
Cambridge.

Note of concern over a reduced bonus from Norwich Union

From Maureen E. Garnett

Sir, As one of the thousands of with-profits policyholders of Norwich Union who has just recently received notice of a reduced bonus for 1994, I also noted with concern the swingeing reduction in the amounts expected to be realised when these policies reach maturity.

Although Norwich Union is a mutual, ostensibly owned by its with-profits policyholders,

these latter have no say in the way the company's business is conducted. However, they are called upon to suffer the losses in respect of fines incurred because of malpractice, and threatened litigation against the company in its wake. One lawsuit alone from a former tied agent is reputedly for £2 million-plus.

All communications from this company's Norwich office are forwarded in envelopes

franked with the legend "Know of a serious crime? — Contact crime stoppers". Reading the figures contained in the envelope left the feeling I had been "seriously mugged". Perhaps the time has come for this provocative caption to be abandoned.

Yours faithfully,
MAUREEN E. GARNETT,
The Coach House,
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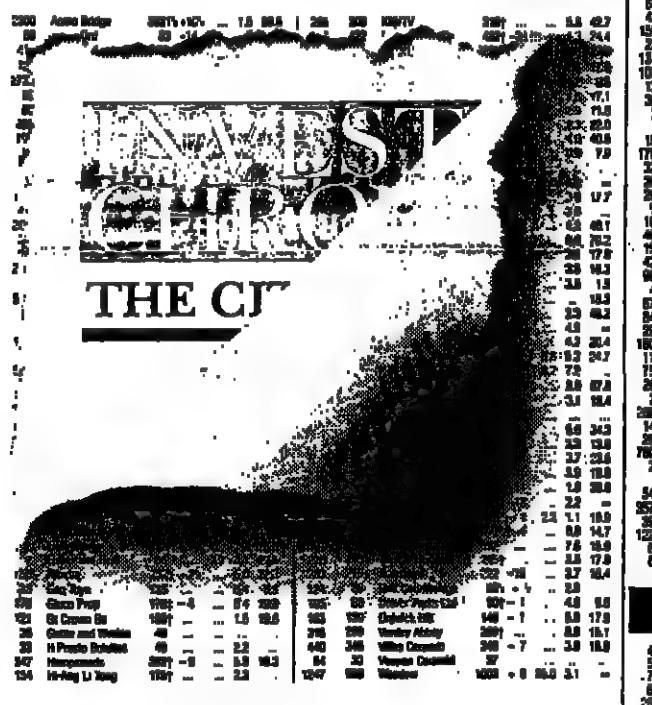
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INFOTECH

Beneath its roads, a Belgian city is wiring itself up to provide online facilities to every citizen, writes Matthew May

Europe's most intelligent city?

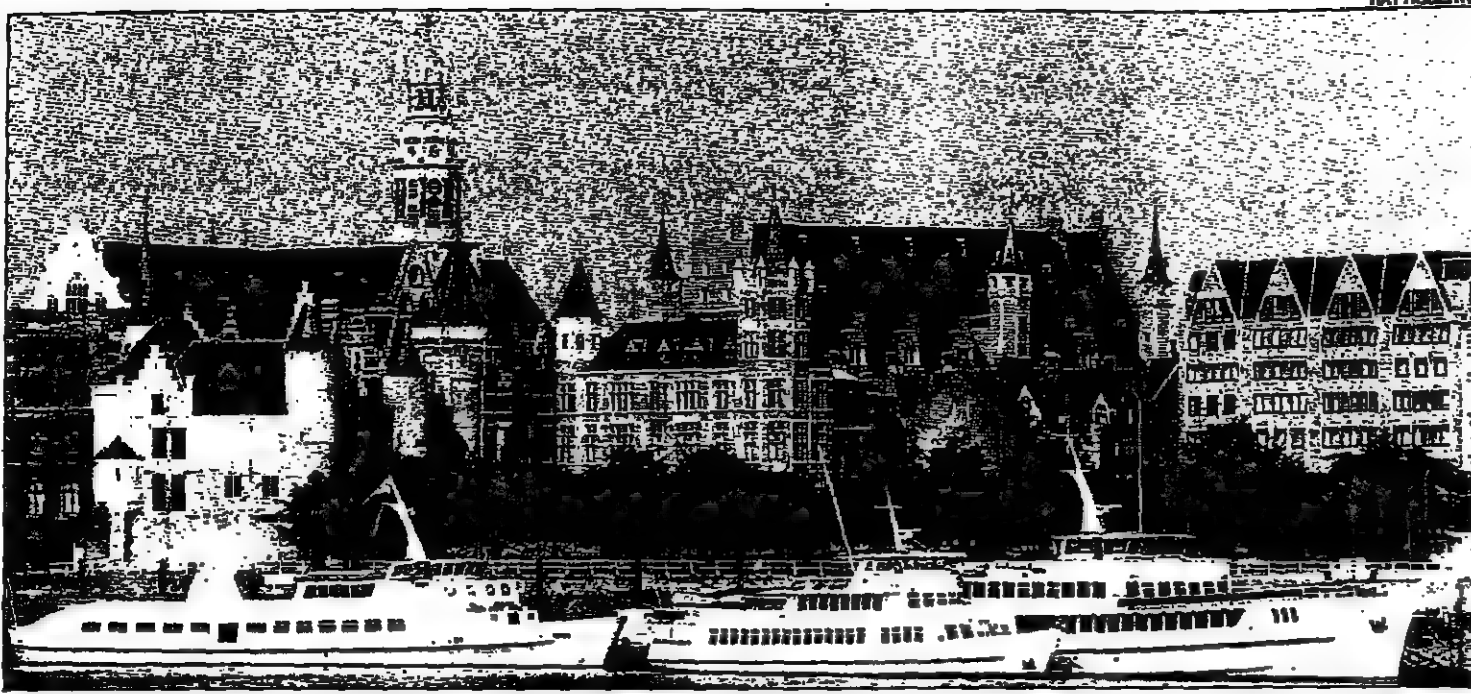
Antwerp is an intelligent city, or at least that is how the city council is promoting one of Europe's largest ports and the traditional home of the diamond trade. The council says Antwerp is well on the way to becoming one of the most advanced examples of a city wired up for "telematics" — providing a combination of high-capacity communications and computer power for general use.

Beneath Antwerp's roads, the council can already boast control of an advanced network of 25 miles of optical fibre, with another ten miles to be added soon. This is the initial development for the sort of Metropolitan Area Network that is predicted to be the basis of any self-respecting city in the future.

In Antwerp a wide range of services should be introduced. One project, for example, is the tele-control of water quality, including the use of the network to monitor the temperature and quality of the water in the city's swimming pools from a central laboratory.

Another project is looking at the transmission of multimedia patient records that can include both medical data and medical images, such as X-rays and scans. Using the network they can be sent from one hospital in the area to another. If doctors refer patients to another hospital for an examination with specialised equipment they can retrieve the data for diagnosis quickly and efficiently.

There are also security applications including the central monitoring of some of the city's buildings, such as schools and hospitals, where



The city council of Antwerp has put in an advanced network of 25 miles of optical fibre, with another ten miles to be added soon

sensors that can detect fire, gas leaks or burglaries will automatically alert the relevant authorities. At the other end of the scale, companies will be able to apply for permits and send official documents online and, it is hoped, get a speedy response.

One of cornerstones of the council's strategy to become a wired city is the provision of tele-services, initially by providing special booths in public places where the public can access information and perform certain transactions.

Provided by IBM, which used similar technology at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, three such multimedia kiosks are being tested in Antwerp. IBM is convinced that self-service terminals able to show video and print documents can be suitable for everything from selling holidays to providing government information.

As well as being able to search for local job vacancies and get a printed out on the spot, the council also hopes that services such as applying for a driving licence,

notifying services when moving house or even arranging to have a wasp nest removed will soon all be possible at the touch of a button on a nearby public kiosk available 24 hours a day.

In a few years the city expects to be able to provide the same sort of "civil services" directly in people's homes using the local cable television network and via online PCs. Technology has already made itself felt in Antwerp. More than 90 per cent of the population has cable

TV and half the parents of school-age children are said to have a PC. Antwerp was also one of three Belgian cities chosen to start voting electronically in last year's European elections — in a country where voting is compulsory.

Though it may seem futuristic, the council argues that the sort of services it is planning will eventually become an everyday part of local government. Once, it says, providing playgrounds for children, meeting places for old-age pensioners and council-run sports facilities were considered novel and futuristic. Online services will soon become just as ordinary.

For Antwerp the investment in the network is also a calculated attempt by the council to try to attract businesses to the city. While some of the projects already attract European Union funding many do not, though the council stresses that its plans will go ahead regardless. Extra money, it says, will be used to speed up the process.

But providing more information just because the technology exists will not always be for the best. Those city employees already wired into the network have not been slow to begin to ask for access to the Internet, says Rene Jochems, of the Informatica Centrum Antwerpen, the city's information technology authority.

Like many other organisations, the council is wary of providing a full link and will probably limit Internet access to electronic mail only. As Mr Jochems says: "Can you imagine what it would do to productivity if everyone was playing with the Internet all day?"

How to be a cartoon character

A new service is game for a laugh

THE Compuserve network is to offer subscribers the ability to create and control their own online animated identities, Matthew May writes. Dubbed "avatars", the idea of cartoon characters has been developed with the Japanese computer giant, Fujitsu. It says users will be able to "take part in a variety of activities, including social functions, scavenger hunts and running their own virtual business".

Among other things, avatars can walk, sit, stand, pick up and change the colour of their clothes. "It looks slightly like a cartoon version of a television programme where people are walking around and doing different things," Michael Beirne, of Fujitsu, says. "It's your persona that you're moving."

Compuserve says the service — called Worlds Away — reflects the way online networks are trying to expand their traditional subscriber base from those mainly interested in technology or people looking for business and information services. Mainstream consumers, it says, will use online technology only if it is fun and easy to use.

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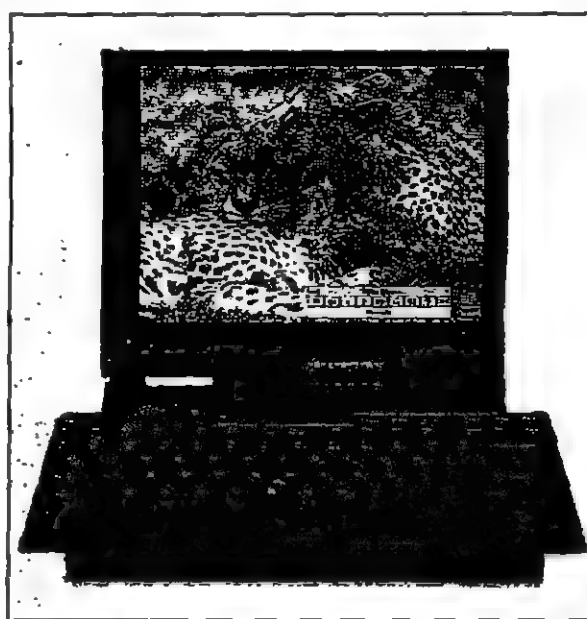
It's a machine of two halves

IBM has come up with a unique keyboard

Computer giant IBM has come up with a possible answer to the problem of how to reduce the size of a portable computer yet retain a reasonably sized keyboard. Reducing the size and weight of portables is seen as a key factor in attracting new customers.

Buyers are particularly eager for smaller computers, but ones where the keyboard size will not have your fingers crashing into each other as soon as you type above crawling speed.

Code-named the Butterfly, the new IBM portable has a keyboard that has been split into two halves. When the machine is opened the two halves mechanically spread and interlock to form a larger size keyboard that overhangs the case by almost an inch on each side. Packing enough computer



In the hunt for fresh customers: IBM's new Butterfly

power into a portable computer has never really been a problem. What defines the size of most portables is how big a screen and keyboard customers want. For many, there comes a point where the convenience of a smaller portable computer starts to

be offset by the fiddliness of using a cramped keyboard.

Analysts are impressed with the new machines, arguing that the company has scored against its rivals because the product is different. There are several models on offer — which are being

sold as part of IBM's Thinkpad range of portables — depending on computer chip, the size of the hard disk and what quality of 10-inch colour screen you want. The weight is about 4.4lbs.

Attractive design has long been seen as more important in portables than desktops — not least because psychologists report that there can be a pride of ownership attached to a portable.

Yet, like desktop PCs, portables have so far looked very similar. Hence some analysts are predicting that IBM's unique design will take off and its main problem will be in meeting demand for such a "hot" product. On the other hand, the new portables are not cheap, at £3,000 to £4,500, and use Intel's 486 computer chip not the faster Pentium.

Rivals are expected to try to copy the innovative mechanical design at a lower cost although IBM says it will eventually add the feature to cheaper models in its Thinkpad range.

MATTHEW MAY

Plain and simple

MICROSOFT has dropped plans to include other programs on a CD-Rom disc that will contain the Windows 95 operating system. The decision follows fierce opposition from retailers who fear a potential loss of business.

Customers would have been able to try an application such as a word-processing package or screen saver on a limited basis and then purchase it from Microsoft by calling a phone number to obtain the code needed to unlock the full program from the disc.

Games as therapy

COMPUTER games can be of therapeutic value to some players, according to Dr Mark Griffiths, a psychologist from Plymouth University. Although a small minority may become addicted, he says, games also have a positive side. Dr Griffiths's list of the benefits includes the use of games as therapy to treat brain disorders, helping in the behaviour management of children, as physiotherapy for arm injuries and even as a way to stop excessive face picking.

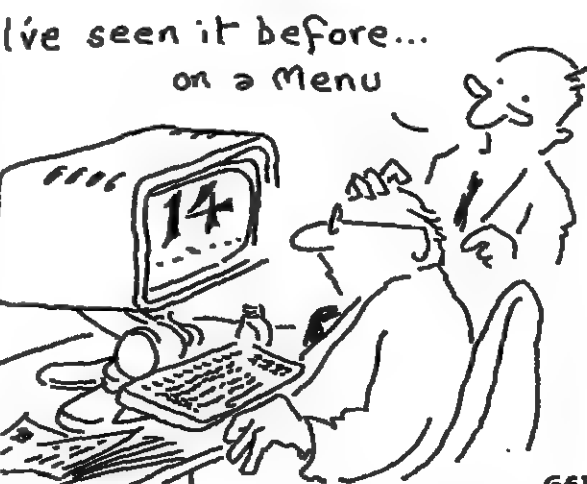
Over and out

HONG KONG'S Internet companies have condemned a police raid last Friday which closed seven of eight providers and severed international links for 8,000 businesses.

The police say they cracked down on the companies for operating without licences. The only Internet provider in Hong Kong left is Supernet,

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Written in character

Scientists at the National Taiwan University have developed what they say is the first computer in the world that can listen to Mandarin and then type out the appropriate characters.

The computer — called Golden Mandarin Number Three — is able to write at the rate of three characters a second as it listens to a person talk. For longer passages, it records the whole speech and then begins writing after a time-lag of 20 seconds. For shorter passages of 30 or so characters it writes with a time-lag of under three seconds.

which started as a project of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Opening up

APPLE Computer, which recently agreed to allow the manufacture of clones of its Macintosh computers, expects six to 12 companies to be making copies by the end of this year. In a bid to capture a larger share of the PC market, Apple last year reversed its long-standing policy of keeping exclusive its coveted Macintosh operating system.

Jammed lines

JAPAN is expected to stop the registration of analogue format mobile phones in Tokyo and Osaka next year because of congestion. To avoid radio wave jams in future, the Telecommunications Ministry wants mobile phone users to switch to ones with digital format, a technology that allows more room. Though there are only 3.5 million mobile phones in Japan, more than a million of them are used just in the Tokyo area.

Moving printer

HEWLETT-PACKARD has introduced wireless printers in an attempt to exploit the booming mobile computing market. The printers use infrared technology that allows them to take orders from PCs.

The company says that with the new printers, which will cost from about £800, customers such as sales people, frequent travellers and others who move from one office to another will be able to print from their portable systems without having to bother with cables or transfer files.

Testing show

THE National Computer Shopper Show starts next week at the NEC in Birmingham. Visitors will be able to buy all sorts of computers, software, peripherals and accessories. Running from March 16 to 19, the show will also include a test drive centre to try out the latest PCs. Tickets are £5 in advance or £8 on the door and are available from 0121-767 4343.

Toshiba change

TOSHIBA has joined the move by PC manufacturers to produce models that include a built-in CD-Rom drive. The T2150CD series starts at £2,700 and includes a double speed CD-Rom and external floppy-disk drive.

One version uses a dual-scan colour screen and another the higher quality thin-film transistor screen. The company says the PCs are for those who need to run CD-Rom software or access large amounts of data and images. Infotech is edited by Matthew May. E-mail address: mat@timesedaphi.com

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Chris Partridge on new products which might help to improve videophone sales

Psychologists have discovered why videophones have not caught on — despite being available at reasonable prices for nearly two years. It is actually more difficult to get your message across on current videophones than on ordinary voice-only phones.

According to Dr Claire O'Malley, of Nottingham University, who has done a study on the subject with her colleague Steve Langton, and Professor Vicki Bruce, of Stirling University, the difficulty is caused by the restrictions of phone lines. "The video image has to be compressed and sent down a narrow bandwidth channel which causes a delay of about half a second," she says. "This disrupts conversation, leading to a high level of interruptions. People find it hard to time pauses and the image does not help."

This problem disappears when high-speed digital links such as ISDN are used. Dr O'Malley says, but these links are expensive and are not widely available.

BT recently introduced two videophones for ISDN. "Presence" is a videophone with a colour liquid crystal display screen and is designed to be used by senior executives who do not regularly use a PC.

It was designed with Panasonic and sells at an expensive £2,500. The "PC Videophone" is a card, made by Motorola, which slots into the back of a PC and connects to the digital line. A miniature camera sits on top of the computer screen.

The advantage of the PC Videophone, BT says, is that it enables the people at each end of the line to work together on documents. For example, a document using one type of word-processing program can be sent to the other computer, worked on by the second person and returned, even if both people are using different word processors. The same applies to drawings and spreadsheets. It is not cheap. PC Videophone costs £3,300, plus the £400 connection cost for ISDN, with £80 quarterly rental.

Despite the cost, Adrian Butcher, general manager of video telephones at BT, argues that people who have to meet regularly to discuss technical issues will find videophoning cheaper than travel.

"If you have a videophone call you get a much better impression of how people react, much more warmth — in most cases people wave goodbye," Mr Butcher says. "We are reaching the point where it is almost as good as a face-to-face meeting. Working with documents



Videophones using high-capacity ISDN phone lines can get your message across — at a price

by audio telephone is like having a meeting with blindfolds on."

However, according to the psychologists' study, such claims could be exaggerated. "I think more work needs to be done on the ergonomics of videophones," Dr O'Malley says. "Even if you have high resolution video and audio channels, it is not the same as a meeting."

"I suspect that something about video and audio signals makes it

difficult to manage a conversation, for example it is easy to miss the little cues that people give when they want you to reply," she says. "Most of the work in the past has been on whether people like using it, and not on how effective it is."

Professor Bruce, co-author of the report, has more worries about the effectiveness of technological rather than human contact. "What we do know is that face-to-face contact

gives certain benefits. Video is not the same because it is restricted to face and shoulders," she says. "Peripheral vision is important in communication, and there are some rather subtle things about the way people use gestures. If you see only the face, you won't get information from manual gestures. More research is necessary on how the design of videophones will affect communication."

When names mean more than numbers

PC makers have found that customers prefer their computers to be named

A personal computer by any other number — rather than a name — would not sell as well.

At least that appears to be the conclusion of personal computer manufacturers, who are starting to move away from number-based names for their computers towards an automotive-style approach to naming their computers.

For years, personal computer-maker Compaq, for example, only had a few models of desktop computers — all with the designation Deskpro as the name. The way to distinguish one model from another was the numbering scheme following the generic name.

A 286/N model would denote a system that used the Intel 80286 computer processor and was equipped to run on a network; a 486/33 would be a desktop computer with an Intel 80486 processor that operated at 33 Mhz.

Over the years, these designations have become less and less useful as the specifications of competing personal computer models have become more and more identical.

According to Gian Carlo Bisone, senior vice-president of Compaq who is also an Italian export to the company's head office in Houston, Texas, and a former senior executive at Italian computer giant Olivetti, computers have had to start being sold as commodity items.

"When they are buying a car these days, people usually go for the price, the kind of stereo or the upholstery in the car," he says. "As long as there is an engine in it that lets them get from A to B, they don't care about the technology it uses."

He says the move away from number-based naming is also a reflection of a more mature industry, with marketing specialists now working at even the most modest personal computer companies.

Mr Bisone says that while many computer model names these days appear to have an Italian flair to them (and end in a vowel), this is less to do with any great love for Italian-sounding names and more to do with finding names that will be acceptable all over the world.

"A company such as ours is international in scope — and when you sell in more than 100 countries worldwide in about 60 or 70 languages you don't want to come out with names that are rude or offensive," he says. "So, most of the time, you come up with made-up names — let's face it, Centura or Presario (the names of two of Compaq's current computers) don't actually mean anything."

Compaq also has Prolinea and Aero as computer names, while IBM has Aptiva and Dell has Dimension.

GEORGE WHEELWRIGHT

New software will improve the brainpower of PCs

Personal computers are not very bright. Take, for example, the thesaurus for the top-selling word processor, Microsoft Word. Type the word gladly on your PC, ask Word for a synonym and you start to hear the scratching of a silicon scalp behind the screen.

The software cannot tell the difference between an adjective and an adverb. So it will recognise the word stem, offer to look up that, then suggest you replace gladly with delighted.

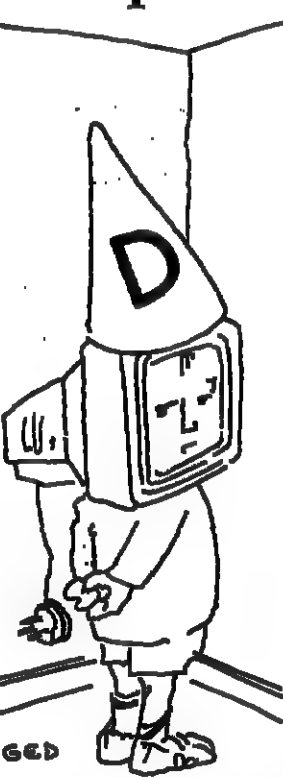
PCs are stupid in more general ways, too. Many of us perform repetitive tasks on screen. Every time you switch on your machine, you may go into an online service and retrieve your e-mail, using exactly the same keyboard commands and mouse clicks each day. Not a single standard operating system on the market today can spot that you have a habit that it could automate for you.

Software agents which automate repetitive tasks and, more ambitiously, begin to learn how you like to use your PC are gradually beginning to find their way into market. Simple agents have been around for some time in the form of macro programs which let you "record" a series of keystrokes then replay them with a single keyboard command.

But these tend either to be very inflexible or require a lot of work. Learning agents, on the other hand, promise exactly what the name suggests — they watch what you do, detect patterns and offer to take some of the repetitive load away from you.

One of the first on to the market comes from an unusual source: Charles River Analytics, a Cambridge, Massachusetts, firm, founded 12

A bright future for the computer



years ago to develop neural networks and expert systems mainly for the US space, defence and transportation industries.

Open Sesame is a learning agent package for the Apple Macintosh, costing about £70, which employs neural network techniques to watch how you use the computer and suggest ways in which it can do the work for you. The

software is quite unlike any normal computer application.

Most of the time you do not even know it is there. It runs automatically in the background watching everything you do on the machine and makes suggestions only when it is happy that it has detected a regular pattern. It may take as long as a month before Open Sesame "knows" you but, by that time, it will be able to handle the routine opening of applications and documents, and will suggest when to do regular housekeeping tasks such as back-ups.

In the long run, learning will be built into applications and operating systems, not sold as an add-on. Charles River is already licensing the technology behind Open Sesame to mainstream developers. The idea of smart software is catching on.

Word Perfect, in the search for a way to differentiate its word processor against very similar rivals from Microsoft and Lotus, recently released a Windows version which contains smart language agents.

Like its rivals, Word Perfect 6.1 can edit intelligently, taking out a leading space if you leave one in front of a full stop, for example. But it also now includes the ability to deal with word and sentence construction. This means that the application can search for words based upon their stems — looking up the verb fly will also produce flew, flown, flies and flying, for example.

Future versions will build on the current morphology model to provide more advanced facilities across different languages. You will be able to look up horse and find the French *cheval*, or associated terms, such as riding, equestrian or mustang.

DAVID HEWSON

A message to all students

The number of people who have access to electronic mail soars monthly. The latest estimates quote something in excess of 30 million. Of course, not everyone who is able to engage in global communications actually bothers to do so.

The least active must be the many students around the world who now automatically get allocated electronic mail boxes when they register. With so many other distractions in their physical world, does every young academic want to spend time interfacing with a go-pler in hyperspace?

A New York professor may have found a way to break this barrier. He has started using e-mail as an educational tool to try to sustain discussion and reduce alienation in a 200-student lecture course.

Professor John Meacham, of the University of Buffalo, added an e-mail requirement to his developmental psychology course. He found that by exchanging e-

How a New York professor keeps his classes in touch

mail, as well as attending lectures, students received both the benefit of the lecture format and the opportunity for discussion of course material found in smaller classes.

The students in the Psychology 223 course Professor Meacham taught last autumn were required to send one e-mail message by the ninth week of term. By the start of the Christmas break they had transmitted a total of 1,781 messages, or an average eight messages each.

"The flow of communication is similar to what normally takes place in a classroom discussion," the professor wrote recently in the *Journal of General Education*.

To establish the electronic

interaction, he created an e-mailing discussion list for the course. It distributed all messages simultaneously to every subscriber. Any student could reply to the first message and replies were distributed to all subscribers.

As the list owner, Professor Meacham decided not to control the public discussion list, hoping his limited presence would encourage students to respond more openly.

He says that the e-mail responses were often more well-organised, more logical and used evidence more effectively than the oral statements made during lectures. In a few cases, students wrote thoughtful essays of 250-350 words after reading and reflecting on previous messages.

Students said they felt less self-conscious facing a computer screen than scores of eyes staring at them.

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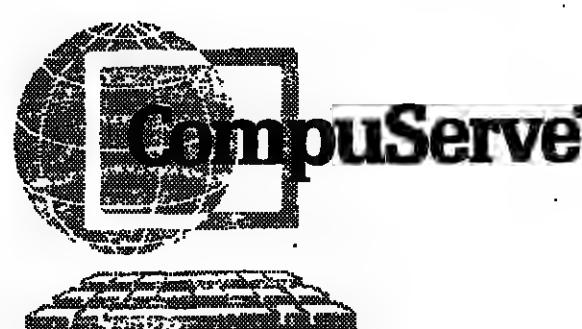
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Job change that stays the same

Trevor Hogarth's reaction to the prospect of being outsourced was a typical one: "There was a feeling of being cast adrift in an open boat. We discovered that Birmingham City Council's information technology department was going to be outsourced in November 1988. The senior managers were pulled in by other senior managers, and then the City Treasurer came and talked to the whole staff. Our frame of mind through the whole thing was extremely nervy."

Outsourcing is becoming increasingly common for IT staff. According to the Romtec consultancy, the UK IT outsourcing market grew by nearly 40 per cent last year, fuelled in particular by important contracts with British Aerospace and the Inland Revenue.

Compulsory Competitive Tendering (CCT), too, has meant that many more local government functions are being contracted out to third parties. Generally the whole IT operation, including premises and equipment, are handed over and staff become employees of the

Emma Wollacott reports on the after-effects of being outsourced

outsourcing company. It is not surprising therefore that they should worry about their jobs. In 1977, the Acquired Rights Directive, aimed at safeguarding the rights of employees in such a situation, was adopted by the European Commission. It was implemented in the UK by the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations of 1981, known as TUPE.

Unfortunately for employees, the Government is keen that CCT of public sector organisations brings as many cost savings as possible. It has therefore attempted to argue that, in many cases, what is being transferred is only a service or activity, and therefore does not carry the same rights.

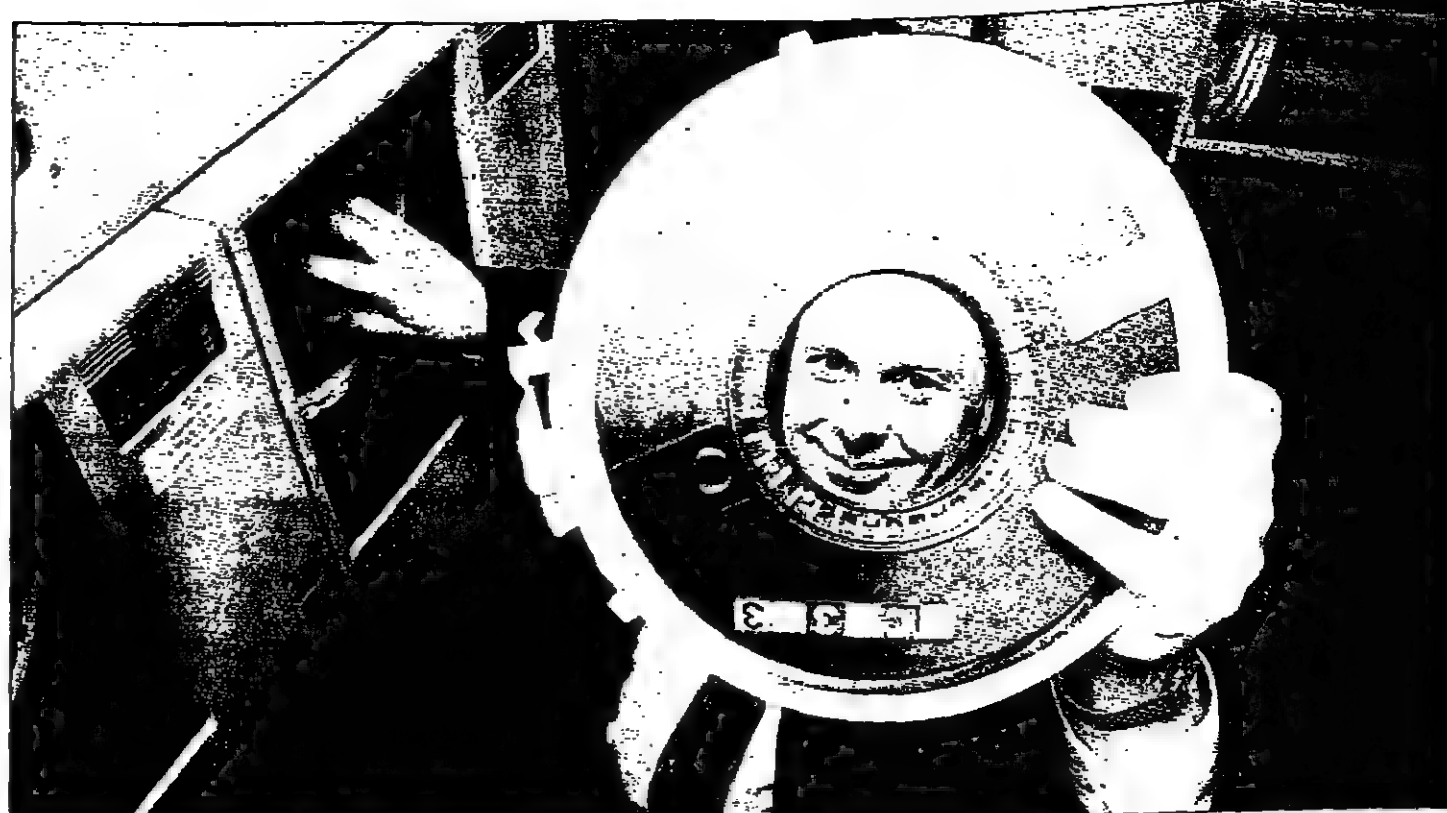
The European Commission is at

present considering amending the directive along these lines. If such changes go through, the same argument could easily be applied to the private sector, removing protection at a stroke.

The good news, however, is that most IT outsourcing companies tend to follow TUPE guidelines, whether or not they are a legal requirement. David Hall, a research worker with the Public Service Privatisation Research Unit, based at Unison, the public services trade union, says: "IT companies nearly always take on all the existing staff, for the very good reason that if you get the IT department without the people, you've got difficulties."

In the case of Birmingham City Council's IT department, outsourced to IT Net, Mr Hogarth says staff were offered the choice between staying with the authority or transferring to the new company. Most moved.

Although this was pre-TUPE — the transfer took place in August 1989 — terms and conditions were negotiated with union representa-



Trevor Hogarth says of his initial reaction to his job being outsourced: "There was a feeling of being cast adrift in an open boat."

tives and remained almost the same as before the transfer.

But where TUPE does not apply, virtually every condition of employment needs to be renegotiated, from company cars to canteens. One thing to check particularly carefully is pension provision. This

is the one area in which the application of TUPE does not guarantee equal conditions.

Unsurprisingly, outsourcing companies like to suggest that career opportunities are generally better after a move. Despite the uncertainty bound up with being

outsourced, it is worth remembering that you are less likely to be made redundant this way than if, for example, your company is taken over. The real problem lies less in the threat of redundancy than in the protracted waiting period and the feelings of rejection.

"You feel unwanted, you feel neglected — it's a very unsettling process. You go home on Friday as an employee of one company and come in on Monday as an employee of another," Mr Hogarth says. "Yet nothing's immediately changed. It's an anti-climax."

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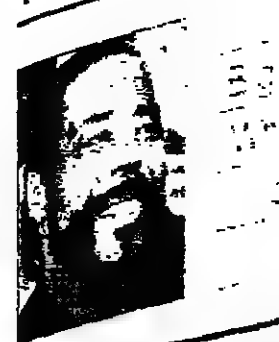
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Don't stand by your man, girls: dump him! Caitlin Moran meets Luscious Jackson

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THEATRE: A modern slant on Ancient Greek tragedy; and a revival of John Godber's rugby league celebration

Roughly what the man wrote

Benedict Nightingale reviews a compelling and colloquial new adaptation of Euripides's tragedies, presented as a three-play cycle

Even allowing for the fact that they came from a badly broken home, Agamemnon's brood was not the sort you boast of in custom-printed greetings cards at Yuletide. One princess, enraged by her mother's murder of her father and her own forced marriage to a shepherd, pushes her brother into matricide. He promptly goes mad. Meanwhile, the other daughter, magically saved from being sacrificed by Agamemnon himself, sets up as a priestess in a barbarian tribe whose sport is sprinkling visiting Greeks with holy water and ritually cutting their throats. It is, you feel, as well there was no fourth child.

If this is a disrespectful account of the failings of the House of Atreus, blame Euripides. Not for nothing did he have a reputation among his fellow Athenians for belittling gods and heroes. For Aeschylus, the Orestes tale was an awe-inspiring tribute to divine justice. For Sophocles, Electra retained a nobility through sufferings galore. For Euripides, both siblings were small fry floundering in a big myth, and, on the whole, reduced still further by the experience.

That is what Anthony Mullwaine's set signals as you enter the Gate for *Electra*, the first of the trio of Euripides plays now in its rep. "Dazzle, glory of

Greece," says a proud Argive, and the glory is a bit of rotting tin hanging over do-it-yourself crazy paving and coarse timber, backed by an altar so rudimentary it would make a shaman blench. It is an impression reinforced by Kenneth McLeish's almost outrageously colloquial translation and by Sara Mair Thomas's *Electra*.

Agamemnon's Children Gate, Wil

She is one of the successes of Laurence Boswell's riveting, rough-theatre production. "Leave mummy to me, I'll deal with rummies," she reassures her brother and, though she reneges on that promise, there is no doubting her hatred of Clytemnestra. Her pale, beaky face takes on a predatory look, her voice rises to a snarl or a shriek. Years of fury, self-pity and impotence have left her a thin, ravaged creature, a member of the ancient Argos chapter of the Beader-Meinhoff gang.

Indeed, she actually turns terrorist in the second play, *Orestes*. She organises both the retaliatory murder of Helen (Thalia Vailata, as serenely smug as a Hollywood goddess with the autograph hounds) and the taking of Menelaus's innocent daughter, Hermione, as a hostage. Neither of her comrades, Charles Daish's half-crazed Orestes or Velibor Topic's bloodthirsty Pylades, leaves you feeling that an affronted citizenry is wholly wrong to



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seek their deaths. They are victims not only of the inscrutable whims of the gods, chiefly a callous Apollo, but also of their own inner and outer violence.

Euripides left Athens after writing *Orestes*, and it has been claimed that the play reflects his despair as the city blundered to defeat in the Peloponnesian War. Reading a 2,500-year-old mind is harder than some scholars think. But a cynical Euripides is not far off the mark, and has the merit of being eloquent to us today. That surely justifies Boswell's mocking treatment

of Orestes's reconciliation with his lost sister in *Iphigenia in Tauris*.

Barbara Flynn brings a nice mix of arrogance, grievance and humanity to Iphigenia herself, and Patrick Godfrey is superb as a battily run-down tutor in Orestes. Add choruses that sometimes look like Hare Krishna dancers, sometimes like Spanish mourners, and sing a mixture of American gospel, Anglican liturgical and West End musical: and you have three offerings that may be unconventional, but are always full of spirit and dark, sardonic fun.

OPERA

Blow for duffers

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DOUBTLESS musicologists were in a state of high titillation on Wednesday, when a concert performance of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* was preceded by the work that allegedly inspired it, John Blow's *Venus and Adonis*. Here was another chance to exclaim at the similarities between the two works, and then to wax lyrical about how far Purcell exceeded his master in imagination.

But as we sat through Blow's pitifully inadequate attempt at tragedy — re-deemed only occasionally by some eccentric turn-of-phrase — I did wonder whether anybody was enjoying the experience, as opposed to being instructed by it. And does Purcell's reputation still need a boost by placing him in proximity to a notoriously duff work? Why not measure *Dido* against music of genius by Purcell's French contemporaries, Lully and Charpentier?

Still, *Venus* will rarely be better performed than it was here, once the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment had knuckled down to the idiosyncratic gestures of the Belgian conductor René Jacobs, and the soloists plucked from the chorus had remembered that they were soloists.

No such reticence from the main principals: Rosemary Joshua made a vibrant Venus, and the Canadian baritone Gerald Finlay — saddled with portraying two utter wimps, Adonis and Aeneas, in the same evening — was superb. *Dido* was given several odd twists. I don't recall guitars playing so large a part before, but delightful they were. Two counter-tenors were cast effectively as Witches — high-pitched stooges to Della Jones's magnificently melodramatic Sorceress. If Vincent Price had been a mezzo-soprano, he would have performed the part like this. And Jacobs encouraged some spirited playing and singing, especially in the camped-up supernatural scenes.

But *Dido* belongs to Dido. Before she started, I wondered whether the admirable but light-voiced Lynne Dawson had the weight of tone or character for the whingeing Queen of Carthage. All doubts were removed: her customary grace and fluency were harnessed here to much emotional power and, in the Lament, a heartrending tenderness.

RICHARD MORRISON

Still game for a laugh

Up 'n' Under Playhouse, WC2

It is rugby league's centenary this year. If we are not all paralysed with excitement about that, it is also a decade since John Godber's play about the said sport was originally in the West End. To celebrate, apparently, *Up 'n' Under* (a new Bill Kenwright/Liverpool Playhouse production) is back. Reason enough? I would say certainly not, though I doubt if I would be heard for the cheers of the Godber fans. He's a popular lad, our John, and not just in Hull.

How this chunky "light entertainment" once won an Olivier Award stumps me. This is the story of a bunch of amateurs — training being six pints down the Wheatsheaf — suddenly going for gold against impossible odds. They are set up to play the Cobblers, who eat wimps for breakfast.

The Wheatsheaf team, until they pump iron, have been in a league of their own: the one in sandals. But the blokes now pull their weight for Arthur, who is set to lose his house in an unlikely bet unless they

win. The scenario is obviously a gift if you are looking for a little character-building lesson and a lot of laughs.

Still, the humour is so broad that it is beyond me. The slow-motion boot in the groin was a highlight. The slow-motion head-butt that was funny too. Then there was the slow-motion spoof of *Charlots of Fire*.

You get the idea. As ideas go, it is hard to find one big enough to tackle. There seems to be a feminist point to be scored as Steve, Tony, Frank and the teacher Phil — more staunchly sexist than his less educated teammates — have to buckle down under the instruction of Hazel: female, super-fit, and manageress of the gym. They end up playing rugby alongside her.

But what of the narrative threads about Phil and the porn videos or the intimidated Frank-Hazel love interest?

KATE BASSETT



Good try: Godber's *Up 'n' Under* goes into athletic mode

DANCE: New and old works from Kim Brandstrup

Stranger in the shadows

Arc Dance Company Sadler's Wells

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In a departure from his previous work for Arc, Brandstrup has eschewed a strictly narrative framework, opting for an impressionistic twilight. Death is a seducer, companion and partner, but it cannot be embedded into a single dancer because it is part of everyone. The only literal

signpost in *Saints and Shadows* is the path to death which is represented by a log ladder, dancers moving up and down it, freezing in obvious Crucifixion references.

The choreography alternates between arresting tableaux vivants and free-flowing bursts of Grahamsque contractions. Brandstrup's eye for posing his dancers in striking and unexpected ways is so camera-friendly that you can almost see him pausing for the click of a shutter. But while such an effect is incredibly beautiful at times, its static force can instil a formality that risks distancing communication between choreographer and audience.

This potential remoteness is exacerbated by Ian Dearden's dreary electronic score. His tautly monotonous musical wallpaper is based on original Latin American music, but

despite its percussive and brassy accents, the sounds he produces are without emotion or personality, flattening the spirit of the movement.

Dearden is also responsible for the music in *Orfeo*, Brandstrup's 1990 Olivier Award winner, now revived for the Sadler's Wells season. But although the composer's tiny harpsichord pastiche has little to recommend it, *Orfeo*'s choreography and designs (by Craig Givens) are so strong they override its synthesized weaknesses.

Brandstrup has retold the Orpheus and Eurydice myth in the manner of Baroque stagings, which suits his penchant for formalism and gesture. His stately movements have a clarity that allows his dancers to define themselves in well-developed characterisations. Kenneth Tharp was outstanding as Death: his confrontation with Mark Ashman's commanding Apollo had a real authority.

DEBRA CRAINE



The ladder to death: Kenneth Tharp and Paul Joseph in Kim Brandstrup's new piece, *Saints and Shadows*

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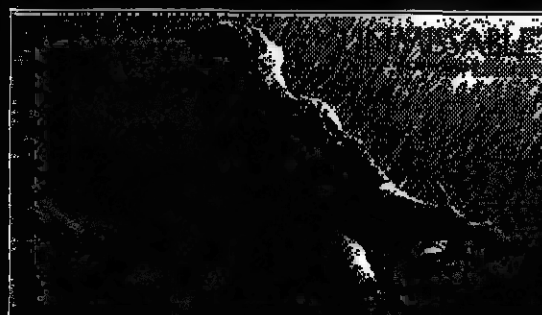
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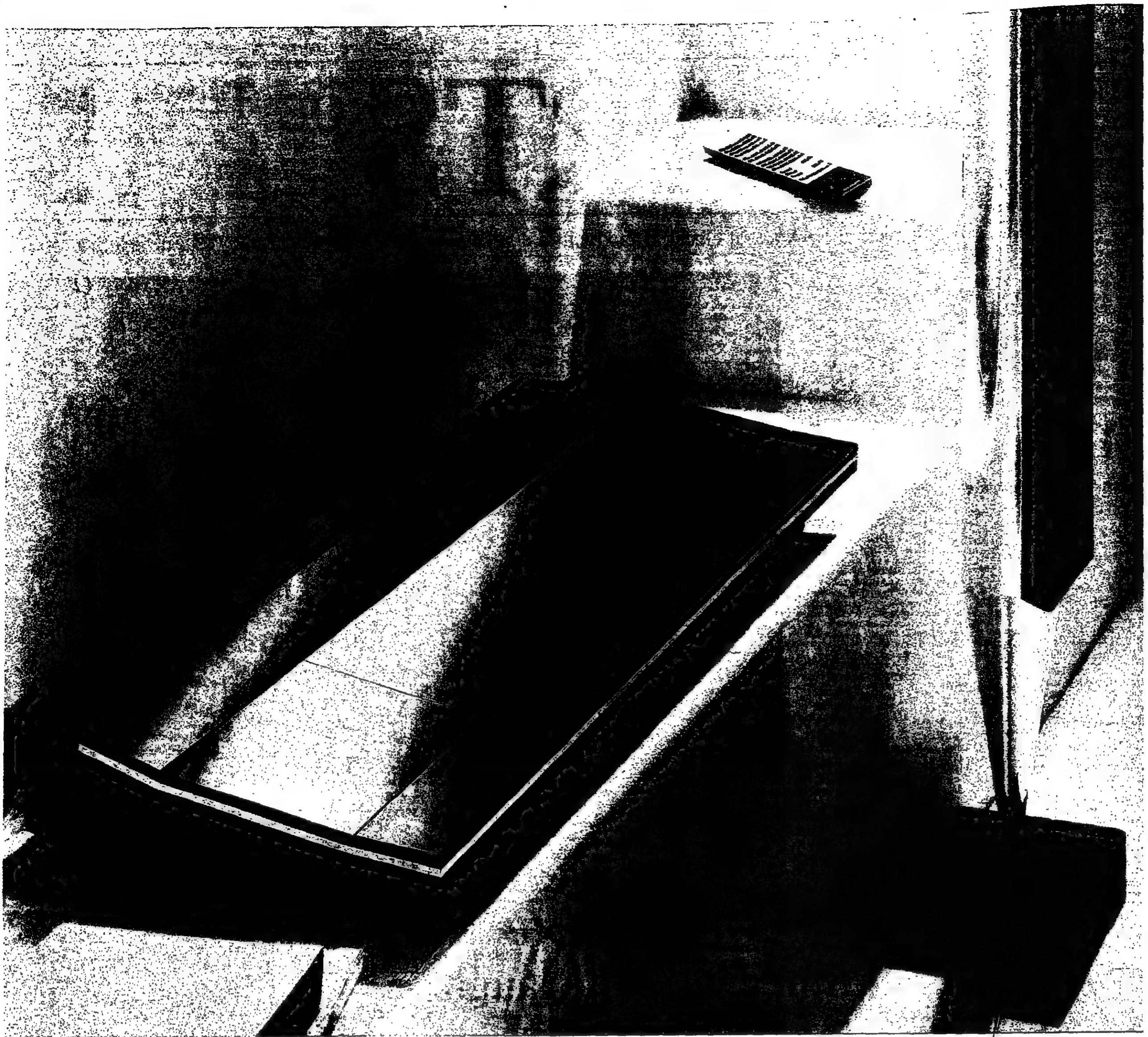
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POP ON FRIDAY: Attitude dancing goes big-time ... Denzil who?

Stand by your mantra

Luscious Jackson
believe in the Gaia
Theory, New York,
strong men and
cutting a rug

So it's three o'clock in the morning, and you're drunk. But not as drunk as the friends you have invited back to your house, and who are currently lying on the floor in varying states of consciousness. Simon's into hip-hop and rap. Sian's into easy listening and film soundtracks. Peter will listen to anything so long as it's brilliant, and Ginny goes for indie rock and 1960s girl-groups.

After demanding toast, more booze, cigarettes, and the whereabouts of the toilet, they start shouting for music. They are unreasonable in their drunkenness, and will get phenomenally bawdy if not supplied with their kind of music. What's a girl to do? Well, last night, Luscious Jackson saved my life.

"The rhythm keeps me fed/These sounds surround me/in high frequencies/There's no place like home... When I'm about to go crazy/Cause I'm still living here/I just get my friends together and we dance, dance..." — City Song.

Luscious Jackson are from New York, something which informs every inch of the warp and weft of their two stone-dead classic albums, *In Search of Manny* and *Natural Ingredients*. Luscious Jackson music is like standing in the middle of Greenwich Village, with a blues club to your left, a busker playing scat-fue to the right, a car coming up behind you, roaring out hip-hop from the stereo, and a tenement window, high above you, blaring out the Strokes with the wind twisting the sound, so the harmonies sound drunk and slurred and tinted blue by the exhaust fumes. Yeah, you can dance to Luscious Jackson. More than that — if you don't, your brain is liable to go into meltdown.

Thankfully, for the Jackson women, most music journalists seem to have got over the temporary insanity that hit them two years ago as regards female musicians. All that "Women in Rock" guff seems to have blown over, leaving Jill, Gabby, Kate and Vivian to get on with making leg-twistingly brilliant records without having to answer all the "So, does having breasts get in the way of playing guitar?" questions that made half the world's population spit and shudder in 1993.

Luscious Jackson make female-sounding music without making an issue of it. The bass is envelopingly



The women in Luscious Jackson have a message for all the negative influences in the world — take a hike

funky; the sound is insidious rather than insouciant. The lyrics, when not dealing with dancing, or living in New York, goop and sigh over the Perfect Man ("I take a strong man to stand by a strong woman") or putting weaselly former boyfriends in their place ("Hey, energy-sucker! I'm a goddess/Not your mother...").

So, with their first ever UK-released single out this week — titled, amusingly enough, *Deep Shag* (it's a kind of dance. Americans don't know the word "shag" — hence the connotations in Britain) — I caught up with the LJ crew and asked them what strings of reasoning and things obsess their lives.

"Circles," Jill says. "The way things are circular. The patterns that life makes. If you can stand far enough back — away from the everyday of washing your hair and eating soup — you can see these patterns, and it

makes you able to predict the future to some extent."

In what way? "Well, take this planet. And the way things are going at the moment. In nature, any organism that its stronger host organism will eventually be destroyed by that host. And humans are no different from that — we are destroying our host, the Earth, which is stronger than us, and it means that, in the end, we will be destroyed. You can't do something as extravagant as suck a planet dry and expect no repercussions. That's the only call the Gaia Theory, but it's also just common sense. It's a pattern. All these things are circular."

Jill takes a breath. "This theory works the same with relationships. If you are the stronger partner, you have a weak partner who's sapping all your energy and taking all your time and making you miserable, you will, in the

end, just shake them off, and let them carry on destroying themselves somewhere else.

"And generally, in relationships, the weaker partner is the male. It's sad but true. And strong women seem to see it as some kind of test, 'I know — I'd stick by this man however much he ruins me.' The Luscious Jackson message is: relationships aren't a test of endurance, girls. Dump him! It's the natural thing to do!"

With that, Luscious Jackson go off to spend a week in radio studios doing promotional interviews, and cringing for the millionth time as a DJ snickers: "Thank you girls; and now it's time for what you've all been waiting for — Luscious Jackson giving us a *Deep Shag*, heh, heh, heh."

Godesses. We are blessed to see such genius in these times. Truly.

In Search of Manny and Natural Ingredients are on *Grand Royal* Records. The single, *Deep Shag*, is out now. Luscious Jackson play the Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-434 0403) on Wednesday.

no surprise/And I'm so damn boring. I'm no admirer of me" were presented in an incongruously strumalung style. His moods, and their melo-

But Thomas can turn a lyric to yank a listener forcibly to attention, as on *Running This Family*, an observation of unexpected parenthood: "I pulled your pants off in the back of a Corvair/And you looked at me as if your father was there."

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Great lyrics on tap

Denzil

Borderline, WI

With little to declare but his serene cynicism, Thomas's warped lyrics ring out loud and clear, delivered with the merest hint of a smile.

His literary style is less wordplay and more stream of consciousness than Costello's (notwithstanding such memo-

LONDON

WOMEN OF TROY: Euripides's intense and poignant tragedy, translated by Kenneth McLeish. Jane Birn makes her heralded return to the English-speaking theatre to play Andromache, with Rosemary Harris as Hector in Anna Costello's directorial debut here. National (Olive), South Bank SE1 (0171-838 2262). Preview begins tonight, 7.15pm, opens Mar 16.

REINCKON ON TOUR: Trevor Pincock arrives with the NAC Orchestra of Canada this weekend as part of a European tour. Sunday's programme features the London premiere of Linda Bouchard's *Veritas*, plus Haydn's Trumpet Concerto and works from Beethoven and Mendelssohn. Hagan Theatre, 100 Tottenham Court Road, W1P 0LP. Sat, 7.30pm. Newsagents (0171-351 2028) tonight and Leeds (0113-2476262) tomorrow.

THE CLAUDETTE MARRIAGE: The weekend's last chance to see Neil Haworth as the duplicitous Lord Ogleby, directing a strong cast in the good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, ambition and true love. Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.30 and 7.30pm.

BARWILLISCH AND PERMUK: The distinguished Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra for a two-night exploration of Richard Strauss's symphonic tone poems —

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

tomorrow's programme includes *Madness* and *En Macabre*. Murray Perle performs Schumann's Piano Concerto in A as the centrepiece of the evening. Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (0171-838 8800). Sat, 7.30pm. Next on Tue 6.

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL: St George's temple is situated with a mix of musical styles this weekend. The popular *Sevilla* offers a lively evening of Spanish guitar, flamenco and jazz music tonight, while tomorrow is "plano day": a Beethoven Sonata recital by Geoffrey Sowerby in the morning followed by virtuoso favourites from Christopher YOUNG. The Millard Ensemble then performs a concert on Sunday for a free BBC World Service radio.

CHESTER: Three plays in Roman. David Grogan's 1930s musical, *Return, Buddy Holly*, Ritchie Valens and the Big Boy Band boost their plans and land in a colossal limbo-land. Directed by Jeremy Ransford and described as "musically out of the world".

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
■ Some seats available
■ Seats of all prices

and finally touching as it shows the effects of war and grief on ordinary people. Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL: John Mortimer's adaptation, by Jack London and Clio Francis's Scrooge make this a cosy evening, well removed from the moral lessons of Dickens. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-438 8611). Tonight, 7.15pm; Sat, 2pm and 7.15pm. Final performance.

CONFIDENTIAL WITH MY FATHER: Judd Hirsch reveals his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York. When it's all over, it's fairly the stuff. Alan Ayckbourn directs. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7618). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat, Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

DESIGN FOR LIVING: Rachel Weiss, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Caryl Churchill's *Topog* — a most curious. Spent Mother's a woman, with even more sexual rough and tumble than in the *Topog*. Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat, Thurs, Sat and Sun, 4pm.

IN PRISON OF LOVE: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harnow in Robert Alton's *Topog* — a most curious. Spent Mother's a woman, with even more sexual rough and tumble than in the *Topog*. Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat, Thurs, Sat and Sun, 4pm.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol) on release across the country

DISCLOSURE (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's novel. Michael Douglas, Demi Moore. Warner (0171-437 4343).

LOVE A MAN IN UNIFORM (15): Cop star John Travolta on a mission. Starring Travolta and a fine cast. Warner (0171-437 4343).

THE FATHER AND THE DAUGHTER (15): Alan Rickman's melancholy and witty portrait of Dorothy Perkins and her era. Compelling performances from Jennifer Jason Leigh and a well-chosen cast. Channel 4 (0171-351 3742). Curzon (0171-389 1700). De La Warr (0171-872 4422). Picturehouse (0171-352 0030). Warner (0171-437 4343).

NELL (12): Doctor Neil Nissen. Nissen's last work as a director. Nell Foster. Well acted, well meant, but a bit too much. Warner (0171-437 4343).

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ART GALLERIES

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COLIN REDON: DREAMS AND VISIONS. THE PALLADIUM REVEALED. 14 March - 1 April 1995. Resident band. 10.30 Daily. Recorded info 0171 494 4947.

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Rewards for those who build bridges

The project management sector is going from strength to strength. David Young on its award winners

The wide range of tasks which are successfully handled each year by members of the British project management sector is reflected in this year's annual awards. They were presented last night at the Savoy Hotel, London, by the Association of Project Managers (APM).

Peter Morris, chairman of the association and a director of Bovis, said that the industry is continuing to move forward and that project managers are no longer people who merely bring to fruition other managers' ideas.

"They make an important

contribution to the management process right from the start," he says, "and have a considerable influence in many key areas of a company's development."

"More and more businesses are realising the worth of professional project management."

The APM represents 3,500 project managers in Britain and can claim to be the most highly qualified association, with over 40 per cent of its membership holding two or more degree qualifications. It is also pioneering a global qualification for project managers which should be operating

within Europe in the next few months.

The association is working towards creating an internationally accepted standard for project management. This could eventually lead to the attainment of chartered status for project managers. Current APM membership categories are student, or associate, membership, membership for practising managers, fellowship membership — for those employers who have carried top-flight responsibilities for more than five years — and corporate membership, which is open to companies and organisations.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

THE NEW Centenary Bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal, connecting the Trafford Park Development with the M602, has won the Project of the Year award for the project team from Allot and Lomax and the Trafford Park Development Corporation.

The bridge and associated roads were opened by the Queen in December 1994, 100 years after Queen Victoria had opened the canal. It is the largest single infrastructure project carried out by the Development Corporation,

and the £152 million scheme is already substantially benefiting the area by improving the local environment and transport.

The project was a multi-disciplinary effort taking two and a half years and involving civil engineering, legal services, land assembly, landscaping and environmental improvements.

One of the judges, Mr Andy Bateup, the executive project supervisor of Bovis Construction, says: "This was a real-life project introducing new infra-

structure that brings potential benefits for the whole area. It is an excellent example of an effective partnership linking the specialist skills of client, consultant and contractors, and it demonstrates the value of project management in carrying out major public-sector projects and delivering them within demanding time and cost constraints."

● The Project of the Year award is sponsored by Henry Ansbacher & Co, AEA Technology, and Currie & Brown

PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR



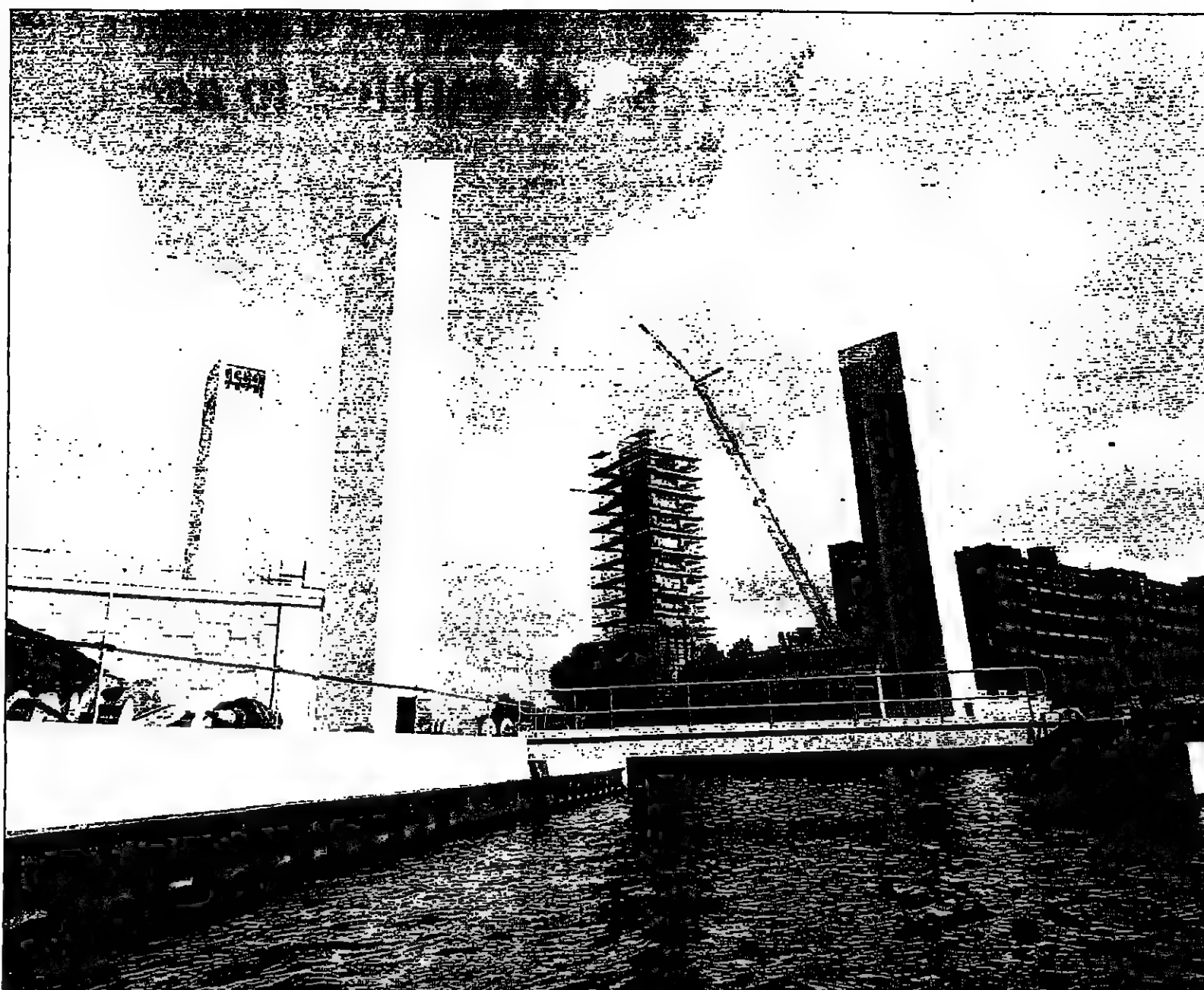
Loughborough: nuclear first

DAVID LOUGHBOROUGH, who has won the Project Manager of the Year award, led a team from AEA Technology and co-ordinated a £3 million project to carry out the first major decommissioning of a nuclear facility at Harwell, Oxfordshire.

The decommissioning, which came after licensing by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, involved the dismantling of a laboratory where radiation levels could have been up to 50,000 times the legal limit. Anyone entering would have been exposed to their yearly limit of radiation within six minutes.

Dismantling the laboratory, which was built in the mid-1960s using the state-of-the-art techniques of the time, involved applying remote-control robotic techniques. A heavy-duty articulated arm capable of lifting up to 220lb was used to drill and cut through materials such as steel and concrete up to 2.5 metres thick. The robot arm then cut the dismantled structure and equipment into pieces small enough to be loaded into stainless-steel, lead-shielded containers for transport to Harwell's intermediate disposal site.

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SIR MONTY FINNISTON AWARD

BILL McELROY, of the management consultants Nichols Associates in London, who has won the £3,000 award, submitted a paper analysing the problems of changing the organisational structure within a company and examining how often the failure of such changes is attributed to poor project management. He argues that this should be no indictment of project management, which can be a powerful engine for strategic change.

Mr McElroy, from Sutton, Surrey, believes that the key to successful strategic change lies in overcoming the inertia found in many organisations, using projects to "side-step" hierarchy. By supporting project management, he argues, sponsors of expensive, far-reaching change stand a greater chance of success.

Reflecting the quality of this year's entries, the judges have made a second award of £1,000 to Rodney Turner and Reza Peymal, from the Henley Management College, for their versatile approach to achieving quality in project-based organisations.

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sidered to have made an outstanding contribution to developing the art and/or science of project management is sponsored by IBM



McElroy: strategic changes

YOUNG PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

MARTIN CHAMBERS, 35, of Grove Projects, London, who has won the £500 award for young project manager, has found that British companies working for Japanese clients can sometimes suffer a culture shock.

Mr Chambers, of Water Orton, Birmingham, won the award for overseeing the new £9.5 million Ricoh photocopier toner cartridge plant, built at Telford, Shropshire. He found that his Japanese client demanded a degree of accuracy in programming on critical terms that was measured in hours rather than the more normal British practice of measuring in days or weeks.

Contingency sums also had to be excluded from cost plans, something which at first raised eyebrows among the British project team, but

which proved to be a net benefit to the project.

Mr Chambers says: "This was a new experience for most of us on the project, but it did not mean that money was not available for good ideas, enhancements, inflation or even any overspend."

The Japanese company made funds available only when the case for them was properly researched and argued. Value for money had to be demonstrated before any adjustments were made. The project came in on time and on budget.

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Chambers: hit target

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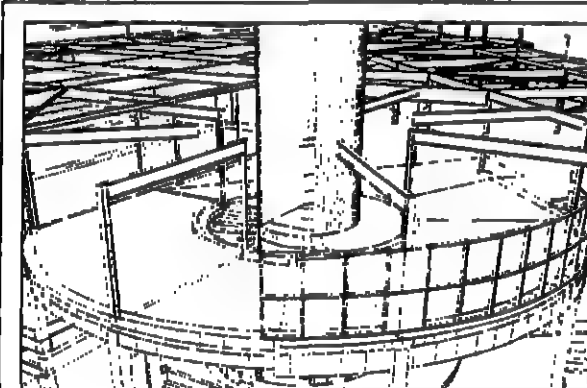
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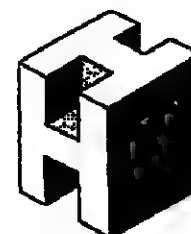
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Modest manager builds Anfield revival on return to traditional values

Evans leads charge by gentle art of persuasion



David Miller on the career of the former apprentice who has taken Liverpool to the brink of fresh glory

In this season of sleaze, Roy Evans is one of those who helps to maintain people's faith in the future health of football. With that buoyant quality which Richard Attenborough brought to early post-war films as your characteristic British torquy, Evans makes anyone feel today is going to be a good day.

Especially for Liverpool football club. The manager in which he has turned the club round in 14 months, to the point where they are in the Coca-Cola Cup final, the FA Cup quarter-finals, against Tottenham Hotspur tomorrow, and handsomely placed in the league, is remarkable. At the start of last year, this most successful of English clubs had become a ragged army in retreat.

The transformation, from the debris of morale left behind by Graeme Souness, is the more exceptional given Evans's outwardly undemonstrative nature. "You don't seem to hear him, even to notice him, and that's part of his strength," one of Anfield's oldest hands observed.

Yet behind that slight, almost permanent Mona Lisa smile — here is a renowned former dressing-room practical joker — lies a camouflaged degree of will-power. After a pre-season dispute concerning a friendly against Bolton Wanderers, Mark Wright and Julian Dicks were abruptly left behind when the squad went on tour to Germany and Norway.

It has been psychology more than discipline, however, that has restored the Anfield touch, has made Liverpool once more a team built upon passing the ball. Evans, 46, inherited a team for whom the game was no longer fun. "I knew we had to build up a bit of enjoyment," he said, making it sound no more serious than giving the gates a fresh coat of scarlet. In fact it went deeper: a tradition-

ally happy club had become despondent.

It is an irony that the club which for 30 years has played the most consistently cerebral football in England should have been involved in the two worst modern crowd disasters. What Evans recognised, when succeeding Souness in January last year, was a squad which had become frightened of making mistakes... and consequently made more of them. In consecutive seasons they had, uncharacteristically, lost in the FA Cup to Bolton and then to Bristol City.

Few know better than Evans the chemistry of Anfield's past greatness. He arrived as an apprentice from Bootle in 1964, a versatile England schoolboy international able to play centre half or centre forward, in the year the tidal wave of triumph began: league champions for the first 13 times in 25 seasons, and FA Cup winners the next spring, when he travelled to

'He knows the right blend of stick and carrot'

Wembley, agog, to see Liverpool beat Leeds United.

Ten years later, having never made it as a first-team regular and Bob Paisley having succeeded Bill Shankly as manager, Paisley asked him to take charge of the reserves. "I turned it down, two or three times," Evans recalled. Finally, his close friend Tommy Smith persuaded him to "give it a go". The experience, when still only 25, prepared him for later replacing Souness.

"The reserves were a mixture of youngsters coming up, such as Sammy Lee, and older players finding their way," he reflected. Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott were, in true Liverpool fashion, being schooled for the first team, having been bought from Arsenal and Newcastle United. Evans learned the need for temperance, the right blend of stick and carrot for men of varying ages. When the door finally closed



Evans graduated from the Anfield boot-room before taking over after Liverpool's decline under Souness

on Souness, Evans knew that the problem was more a matter of temperament than technique. "Graeme expected, and demanded, so much of himself and the players," Evans said. "He was desperate for the club to win... but apart from winning the FA Cup [in 1992], we never got past the first hurdle."

Evans, as assistant manager, and others tried to tell Souness to ease off in the attempt to rebuild a team that had become too old under Kenny Dalglish, the situation worsened by Souness's ill-judged transfers. Then, suddenly, Evans found himself at

the helm. For a while, assessing the situation, he let things breathe.

The first significant change came on the end-of-season tour of South Africa with Aston Villa. John Barnes was made captain, and switched to a central midfield role. And he flourished. Meeting Nelson Mandela, discovering a late maturity within himself, Barnes began to refashion the way the others played. With Neil Ruddock's irreverence, the clouds began to lift.

The development continued on the tough pre-season tour of Germany and a meeting with the Norwegian national team

(replacing the customary Scandinavian jolly). Steve McManaman, one of the younger players who had stalled with Souness, was given a free role either side of the midfield trio. And now came the three centre backs.

"We'd given away too many goals, and needed strength at the back," Evans said. "We'd tried three centre backs, but in a line of five, not just three." Soon after the start of the season, they were able to buy John Scales and Phil Babb inside 24 hours: the formula was falling in place.

"I feel we now have a flexible system, a load of

[tactical] options," Evans said. He is showing patience towards the youthful inconsistency of Robbie Rowler, not browbeating him into becoming a team player at the expense of his marvellous individual flair.

Tomorrow comes, in effect, the match of the season so far, at home to Tottenham, with record gate receipts. Evans is concerned about how his men will cope with the elusive midfield runs of Nick Barry, but "I don't believe the Cup has Tottenham's name on it — or that it will be an entirely attacking game". The quiet man of Anfield has his plans.

South Koreans set out stall for World Cup

By ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF EVER one wonders why Britain is no longer considered a playground for an Olympic Games or a World Cup, perhaps the answer lies in the calibre of men dispatched to win the games.

Little more than a week ago, nominations closed for the 2002 World Cup. Two bidders remain — Japan and South Korea. Their contest to host the first World Cup in Asia will be a fierce engagement all the more so because of that continent's two leading industrial nations.

Japan is favourite, not least because it is the home of some of the principal sponsors of FIFA, the world governing body. Yet South Korea proved, in winning and staging the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, that it can mount the infrastructure, communications and organisation for a world event.

With 2002 in mind, South Korea has already begun touring the world, led by their head of state, President Kim Young Sam, who said in London yesterday: "The Olympic Games was big for our country, but our people are so much more excited by the prospect of 2002. In the last World Cup, when we played Germany losing 3-2, two thirds of the whole of Korea — businessmen, Koreans from every walk of life — stayed awake through the night to cheer the event. We would make money from a World Cup, but it is not so much important to the economy of South Korea as to the well-being of the people."

Yet even the head of state, a leader of football in his high school days, is not the central figure in bidding for the World Cup. That is Dr Mong Joon Chung, who has already visited the Football Association at Lancaster Gate on his tour of 20 countries where executive committee votes lie.

Chung is far from a lightweight, either in intellectual or commercial terms. He is in his second session as a member of the Korean National Assembly, having left the defence committee for the role as leader of sports and culture. Moreover, Chung inherited Hyundai, one of the world's largest heavy-industry conglomerates, from his father, who founded it. He is also a lieutenant in the army, a professor in business studies and recently became a FIFA vice-president.

"I feel that trying to win the World Cup is my destiny, it is in my blood," he said. "Already I think of football 24 hours a day. I will spend 99

per cent of my time over the next year travelling. I will try to bring every member who has a vote to Korea, because seeing is believing."

He agrees that the history of Japan and Korea is bound to make this contest one of tension, but observes: "I hope we can keep it friendly. I don't want it to be life and death. We are, after all, talking of a sporting competition."

Beware the smile of the tiger. Within minutes of that assertion, Chung is speaking of FIFA's slogan, "Fair Play", and observing that, if there is fair play, the footballing history of his nation is so far ahead of Japan as to be out of sight.

The J-League of Japan is an infant compared to the Korean League, formed more than a decade ago. In World Cup terms, Chung passively points out that Korea (including the North Koreans who played in England in 1966) have qualified for five World Cup tournaments. The Japanese? "They, of course, have never qualified."

Such a friendly contest. At FIFA House in Zurich, Dr Chung is, for some reason, described as a hard man. He comes from a harsh background, but he aspires to high ideals.

"Fifa can make a decision that would be a catalyst for the peace-making process of the Korean peninsula," he continued. "There are 1.7 million young soldiers confronting one another alongside the demarcation line. Can you imagine it? I feel that president Havelange, the FIFA president, is considering very seriously that aspect."

Chung is adamant that FIFA need not consider that Korea would generate a lesser financial package than Japan, nor that its 16 stadiums, scheduled for rebuilding or refurbishment amounting to \$750 million, would suffer by comparison.

"If FIFA grants 2002 to Korea, it would be a torch of hope for many developing countries," Chung said. "For, remember, we were a devastated nation when the Korean War ended in 1953. We have built ourselves out of desperation to compete economically on a global scale."

Chung also recalls 1954. That year, Korea faced Japan in the qualifying rounds of the World Cup. Then, as now, everything favoured Japan. Because the Japanese were refused visas to enter Korea, both legs had to be played in Tokyo. Korea qualified; the Japanese, as Dr Chung repeats, have yet to do so.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer South Love all

♠ 108
♥ 988
♦ AK643
♣ J2

♠ K9742
♥ 107
♦ 107
♣ 10

♠ A10
♥ A10
♦ J3
♣ 9854

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: Four of diamonds

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

South opened 1NT and North bid 3NT. When this hand occurred in a duplicate pairs it was played in three different ways.

The first player won the diamond lead and cashed all his clubs, ending in the dummy. West had discarded three hearts while East discarded two spades, a diamond and a heart. This persuaded declarer to take the heart finesse. He felt he was rather unlucky when it lost.

The second player did better. He cashed just three rounds of clubs, ending in the dummy, and then tried

the queen of hearts. When East did not cover, (remember Zia's BOLS tip, if they don't cover they can't cover) he overtook with the ace, crossed back to a club and took the spade finesse. He was rather pleased with himself when his line of play succeeded.

The third player cashed just two rounds of clubs and exited with a diamond. As West had led the three of diamonds and only the two was missing he could tell that the suit did not break worse than 5-3.

Declarer simply sat back and waited for West to cash his winners, after which he was obliged to present declarer with his ninth trick whichever major he led.

WORD RECOGNITION

By Philip Howard

PELMENY
a. A Diophantine equation
b. A game with straws
c. Russian ravioli

QIVUT
a. An ice coracle
b. Underworld
c. Roman centurion's challenge

RAMSHANDRY
a. DIY carpentry
b. Thoroughfare
c. Having several husbands at once

PATIKI
a. Thai meat on skewers
b. A New Guinea pigdin
c. A flu-fish

Answers on page 41

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Linares race

The international tournament in Linares, Spain has opened up after early leader, Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov, was defeated in round six by Ukrainian Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk.

The lead is now held by Alexander Beliavsky (also Ukraine) who has 4.5 points out of 6. Sharing second position with 4 points are Karpor, Ivanchuk, Topalov and Khalifman.

White Vassily Ivanchuk Black Veselin Topalov Linares, March 1995

King's Indian Defence
1 c4 Nf6
2 Nc3 Nc6
3 d4 d5
4 d5 Bg7
5 Nc3 Nc6
6 Bg2 Nf6
7 Bc1 Nf6
8 Bb1 Nf6
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Diagram of final position

Correction
In yesterday's report of the charity simultaneous exhibition at the Royal Automobile Club Grandmaster Michael Stean's name was omitted from those who scored 37.5 points. In yesterday's Winning Move after 1 Kf1 Black should play 1... cxd6 not 1... dxc6.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Vukic - Gavril, Serbia 1993. White pieces are 'in round the back' and he has strong threats against the Black king. However, it is Black to play and he has threats of his own. What did he play?

Solution: page 41

Rioch plans league and cup double

By PETER BALL

FOR most Endsleigh Insurance League sides, reaching a leading Wembley cup final is a football pipedream. For Bolton Wanderers, it is a means to an end.

"It keeps the momentum going — we've still got a good season ahead of us now," Bruce Rioch, the Bolton manager, said after his team's remarkable recovery at Burnley on Wednesday night, when they overturned Swindon Town's two-goal advantage in the final half-hour to reach the Coca-Cola Cup final for the first time.

Bolton do not have long to savour that triumph, for tomorrow they have a vital league match with Middlesbrough, one of their main rivals for the automatic promotion place from the first division this season. Until the game on Wednesday, Rioch had been insisting that the cup

could not be allowed to interfere with the pursuit of the main target, promotion to the FA Carling Premiership.

Now he is prepared to relax that dictum. "Both are priorities," he said. "We can put one aside for a period while we concentrate on the other. If we had gone out of the cup, it would have been a really huge effort to pick the players up again. We have got to get their minds focused on Middlesbrough now, but we don't have to lift them."

With a significant proportion of Merseysiders in the team, Bolton's first visit to Wembley for a cup final of note for 37 years is a looming large in the players' minds. "It's great for me to play Liverpool at Wembley, because when I've been to Wembley before, it has been to watch Liverpool," Jason McAteer, whose goal began Bolton's recovery, said. "Three years ago I was playing in



Rioch: two priorities

Marine reserves. Now I've been to the World Cup and reached a Wembley final inside a year."

Liverpool were the first of Bolton's notable cup scalps in the past three seasons, but Rioch has no illusions about the task ahead. "I'm pleased for Roy Evans," he said. "He

has turned the club around. When we played them before, the morale was probably at its lowest. Now there appears to be a tremendous spirit."

Spirit is evident at Bolton, too, personified by the barrel-chested Paatelainen, who levelled the score on aggregate with a coruscating shot before McGinlay's winner. Liverpool may be better equipped this time, but the only certainty is that the Coca-Cola Cup, like the Premiership title, is destined for Lancashire.

Swindon's defeat leaves Steve McMahon, their player-manager, having to decide whether to sell Jan Åge Fjørtoft, their outstanding asset, in order to finance their battle against relegation in successive years. "It's a decision," Fjørtoft said. "I'm happy at Swindon, but I want to play in the Premier League, and I would not play in the second division. I'd sooner retire."

SNOW REPORTS

Area	Depth (cm)	Conditions	Runs to resort	Weather (Sun)	Last snow
ANDORRA Soldeu	60-120	good heavy	good	fine	-4 8/3
(Very good skiing with soft snow on hard base)					
AUSTRIA Kitzbühel	40-160	good varied	fair	fair	6 8/3
(All pistes excellent, no sun in great conditions)					
Obertauern	60-145	good varied	good	fine	-4 8/3
(Excellent skiing in full sunshine, no queues)					
Schladming	40-130	good varied	fair	fair	6 8/3
(Excellent above 1,200m, heavy below due to mild air)					
FRANCE Alps D'Uriage	245-460	good powder	good	fine	2 8/3
(Vintage powder skiing)					
Courchevel	215-370	good varied	good	fair	-3 9/3
40-125 good varied					
Tignes	235-300	good powder	good	fine	-8 9/3
(Glorious skiing, sunny skies, some queuing)					
ITALY Cervinia	120-400	good varied	good	sun	-2 8/3
(Excellent skiing conditions)					
SWITZERLAND C Montan	190-420	good varied	good	fine	6 9/3
(Excellent piste skiing, very few skiers about)					
Grindelwald	40-125	good varied	good	fine	1 9/3
(Excellent skiing on all but lowest pistes)					
Klosters	70-190	good varied	good	cloud	1 9/3
(Good skiing throughout area, all runs complete)					

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Fifth world championships most notable for athletes who stayed away

Lack of star quality threatens name of indoor games

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN BARCELONA

PRIMO NEBILOLO, the international Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president, refers to the fifth world indoor championships, which begin here today, as the sport's "first great appointment" of the year. First great disappointment, more like.

As exemplified by the desperate manoeuvrings to attempt to get Linford Christie to run, these championships have become an embarrassment to the IAAF. Nebiolo writes in the meeting brochure about his "Athletics Family", but where are his favourite sons and daughters? Not here.

No Morelli, no Jackson, no Fredericks, no Michael Johnson, no Gunga, no Dwyer, no Owens, no Joyner-Kersey. And Christie? Here but not running. The British Athletic Federation (BAF) would not be bullied by the IAAF into dropping Michael Rosswess from the 60 metres to make room for Christie.

Britain's Olympic and world 100 metres champion had told Malcolm Arnold, the BAF chief coach, on Tuesday last week that he wanted to be dropped from the team because he was tired. Arnold suggested he take a few days to think about it, which Christie did, but on Sunday the athlete confirmed that he would not be running. Rosswess was named to replace him.

Nebiolo then instructed one of his missions to attempt to persuade the BAF to desert Rosswess. Nebiolo also made overtures to Christie who, for a second time, changed his mind. Christie would "honour" the request to compete. Nebiolo was informed in a letter from Sue Barrett, the athlete's agent.

However, Barrett's letter said that Christie's participation was conditional on it not being at the expense of Rosswess. Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF secretary, stated that a wild card was out of the question, so Peter Radford, the BAF executive chairman, put moral before medals and resisted pressure to drop Rosswess.

Not only was the IAAF sent

away with its tail between its legs, it also offered an apology to Christie as it went. Christopher Winner, the IAAF's chief press officer, had criticised Christie for his late withdrawal. The runner was furious. Yesterday, Winner said he regretted causing distress.

A fortnight ago, Rosswess said that he had been "treated shabbily" by the BAF because it had failed to inform him of a timetable change for a 60 metres in Birmingham and so he missed the event. He should feel less angry now after the BAF's stance on his behalf. Both Rosswess and Darren Braithwaite are outside medal chances for the 60 metres today.

Canada have the best chance of gold through Bruny



Otley: rare luminary

Surin, the defending champion. The women's 60 metres should be won by Merlene Otley, the Jamaican who is one of the small band of luminaries competing here. The only others are Irina Privalova, of Russia, the European 100 and 200 metres champion, who has opted for the 400 metres, Sergey Bubka and Javier Sotomayor.

A few more achievers will add a lesser degree of star quality to the championships — Ellen van Langen, Maria Mutola, Jearl Miles, Joannet Quintero, Heike Henkel, Maksim Tarasov, Fernin Cacho, Mark McKoy, Tony Jarrett, John Regis. But the only events which have a

world-class feel about them are the women's 800 metres (Mutola against van Langen), the pole vault (Bubka against Tarasov), the women's 400 metres (Privalova against Miles), the women's high jump (Quintero against Henkel) and the men's sprint hurdles (McKoy, Jarrett and Allen Johnson).

Nebiolo refers to statistics as the "language" of his sport. Two statistics in particular do not speak well here: 1,500 metres and only five countries are down for the men's 4 x 400 metres. It is doubtful whether, under the points scoring system used by the IAAF to determine the quality of each meeting, these world championships would rank above the Lievin meeting, where Christie set a 200 metres world record three weeks ago.

There will, however, be some entertaining competition and the occasion affords experience for young athletes such as Mark Hylton, 18, the British 400 metres runner. But, as Arnold said yesterday, "the problem is in calling it a world championships".

Arnold added: "For the superstar, it is of limited value because of the crowded year and the priorities we have. Finance is rearing its ugly head increasingly and they [the IAAF] are not offering any prize-money or prizes. Once upon a time it was one hard year, one easy year. Now it is one hard year followed by a harder year."

The final irony yesterday concerned Veronique Nyongabo, the Burundi runner who is closing in on 1,500 metres and 3,000 metres records. Nyongabo said last month that he would not be at the championships but, with the IAAF's messages ringing in his ears, changed his mind. He arrived on Wednesday but was detained at the airport for not having a visa and, irritated that his motives for entering Spain were being questioned, left on a flight to Rome. Last heard, the IAAF and Spanish authorities were pleading for him to return.



Regis, who runs in the 200 metres, represents one of Britain's brightest medal hopes

Counties continue to put profit before England

Even if Keith Fletcher was utterly hopeless and Raymond Illingworth a miracle-worker, neither of which is the case, the problems of English cricket could not be solved by the management cover which took place under cover of darkness one night this week.

Whatever benefits accrue from Illingworth's elevation to an all-powerful role and accountability is the first that springs to mind — the events of this week have done no more than shake the cream. It is the milk underneath that needs a churn.

The dismissal of the England manager inevitably dwarfed all other business

emanating from the Test and County Cricket Board's spring meeting. In a sense, this was convenient for the delegates, because they would otherwise have stood accused of spending two days achieving very little.

If Fletcher had not been dismissed, far more would also have been made of the crashy-finned announcement that Benson and Hedges will continue to sponsor a one-day competition until the turn of the century. In essence, the counties have sold their souls for the £4 million cheque, because it has been commonly agreed by those who play and work within the game that this competition should be the

Alan Lee laments that the spring meeting of the TCCB failed to address urgent problems

first casualty of a slimmed-down schedule.

The counties never have seen it that way, going so far as to restore the banalities of the zonal stages. It is not until 1997 that one can expect to see any improvement in a grossly overplayed programme that makes it impossible for the players to sustain a peak, let alone to take the appropriate time for training, technical practice and rest.

Illingworth will do his best to address the sins of the system but has no confidence

in the prospects of instant reform. The players, too, will continue to make their voices heard through their spokesmen, the ubiquitous David Grayson, but judging by the board's lack of reaction to a carefully worded 1,000-word fax from the Cricketers' Association this week, they cannot expect much joy, either.

The players' comments may have been absorbed by their employers but they brought no public response. As to the threatened militancy over a minimum wage demand, the

board has quietly simmered over its insolence then cocked a deaf ear, passing the responsibility to its liaison committee.

The one significant resolution made by the board, hirings and firings apart, goes some way towards correcting the most insidious and counter-productive practice in county cricket, that of deliberately doctoring pitches to produce a result well within the four days prescribed for a championship game.

The players' proposed solution was for all groundsmen to be centrally employed. The board, citing various unidentified difficulties, believe this impracticable. Instead, it has

broadened the sanctions for erring groundsmen. In addition to the 25-point penalty for an "unfit" pitch, there is to be a sliding scale of points penalties for pitches regarded as "poor". A first offence will bring a warning, a second offence will cost the club ten championship points, a third offence 15. A county's state will not be wiped clean for 12 months.

It is not, in itself, earth-shaking, but at least it focuses on an area of resentment and regression. If it brings about a dramatic improvement in pitches, which it just might, it will greatly assist the beneficiary of the higher-profile decision of the week.

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Nicol gets free ride only to face Jansher

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN LISBON

PETER NICOL, of Scotland, yesterday received an unexpected free ride into the semi-finals of the Portuguese Open squash championship here today when his quarter-final opponent, Anthony Hill, of Australia, withdrew with a chest infection that left him unable to breathe properly.

Hill was recently promoted into the world top ten for the first time after winning his first Professional Squash Association World Tour title in Calcutta last month. He was hoping to reinforce his position in this event and in the British Open, which follows later this month.

"I woke up this morning and just couldn't take a full breath and with a really tight chest," Hill said on his way back to his European base in Germany. "I wanted the points here but I have to be sure of my fitness for the British."

"Also, I keep remembering that Rodney Eyles had this sort of virus coming out of India earlier in the season and look what happened to him last week."

Eyles, another quarter-finalist here last night, was hospitalised for several days in Kingston Hospital's cardiac unit last week after collapsing

Hendry out to bury bad result

STEPHEN HENDRY maintains that individual defeats do not rattle and are quickly dismissed, but even the world snooker champion will have trouble forgetting his astounding first-round defeat last year in the Thailand Open here in Bangkok (Phil Yates writes).

Hendry, the favourite to win the 1995 version, which begins today, enjoyed an identical status 12 months ago when he lost 5-2 to Tai Pichai, a local wild-card entry who was an amateur.

That result, arguably the biggest upset in the history of top-level snooker, had significant ramifications for the world rankings, and Hendry retained his five-season hold on the No 1 position only by beating Steve Davis in the semi-finals of the world championship six weeks later.

The Scot, 26, rebuilt what appeared an assailable lead over his rivals by winning the United Kingdom championship and the European Open before Christmas, but since then his relatively poor form and the resurgence of Davis have caused that cushion to be eroded once more.

Hendry has a tricky opening match against Mark Williams, 19, a former British junior champion.

RADIO CHOICE

Masters of a mad world

Panel Beaters, Radio 2, 7.00pm.

Question: Are newspapers necessary? Answer: Yes. How else would we eat our fish and chips? Question: What is the best way to mount a bicycle while wearing a kilt? Answer: Carefully. The panelists, including comedy series *Does The Team Think?* in its 1967 edition Ted Ray, Jimmy Edwards, Cyril Fletcher and Tommy Trinder guy straitlaced progenitors such as *The Brains Trust* and *Any Questions?* Theirs was a madcap realm in which Ray was undisputed monarch. His comic remarks came with the suddenness of summer lightning. "I can't stand smoking," says a questioner in the audience. "Then why don't you sit down," snaps Ray after a thousandth of a second interval.

The Art of Reading, Radio 4, 9.30pm.

What is the use of a book without illustrations, thought Alice, Or without conversation? The answer to question one supplies the substance for James Maipass's inquiry into book illustrations. The conversation is expertly provided by illustrators Quentin Blake and John Lawrence, by Jo Whillock Blundell and Sue Bradbury of the Folio Society, and gallery owner Chris Beetles. You need think only of John Leech's illustrations for *A Christmas Carol* or John Tenniel's for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* to see how books are given a different status by their illustrators. Ultimately, success lies in achieving the right balance between text and image. Peter Daville

RADIO 1

FM Stereo, 4.00am Cive Warren 6.30
Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00
Lisa Ashton including at 12.30
12.45pm News 1.00pm
Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, and at
5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Pete Tong's
Essential Selection 10.00 John Peel
1.00am The PM Rap Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo, 6.00am Sarah Kennedy
6.15am News 7.30 Wake Up
to Wogan 8.15am News 9.00am
Ken Bruce 11.30am Young 2.00pm
From Amsterdam 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05
John Dunn 7.00 Panel Beaters: See
Choice 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night
4.45pm News 5.00pm Lisa in the
Bank CNS Glasgow Band 10.00am
Titchmarsh with the Radio 2 Arts
Programme 12.05pm Digby Fairweather
1.00pm Charles Nova

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The
Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.25 and
7.25 Racing Preview 8.35 The Maga-
zine, with Diana Madill, including at 9.00
Video Review, 10.25 EuroNews, 11.00
Chalkboard 12.00 Midday with Mark
Goodier, including at 12.30pm Liz Barclay
with Moneycheck 2.05pm News on Five, with
Sybil Ruscoe 3.00pm John Inverdale
Saturday 7.00pm News, incl at 7.20
sport 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 9.35 Off
Pete, with Sandy Ward 9.55pm News
the Good News 10.05pm Sport 10.25pm
Financial Week 11.00pm Night Shift, incl at
11.45 The Financial World Tonight
12.05am After Hours 2.05am All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Lee and Carol
McGiffen 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm
Anna Reardon 3.00pm Roy 7.00pm
Samantha Marsh and Sean Foster 10.00pm
Cassie the Gossip 1.00pm Wild At Heart

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Maths:
One- and Two-Variable Functions
7.00am Air with Andrew
McGregor, Carlo Farina
Capriccio string quartet:
Sibelius (Spring Song, Op.
16); Glazunov (The Sea, Op.
28); Stravinsky (Circus Polka);
Handel (Fronzo leggiera e
molto); 8.35pm Quartet
Collection: Haydn (String
Quartet in E flat, Op 71 No 3)
9.00pm Composers of the Week:
Swedish Romanticism: Carl
Carlson introduces music by
Otto Olsson
10.00pm Musical Encounters:
Handel (Concerto grosso in
D, Op 4 No 8); 10.15pm Artist
of the Week: Steven Isserlis,
cello, Rimsky-Korsakov
(Scherzo), 10.25pm
Sautereaux (Cantata Arcadica);
Bach (Cello Suite No 3 in C);
Schumann (Arabesque in C,
Op 18); Lionel Sainsbury
(Violin Concerto); Brahms
(Gstring Quartet, Op 68)
12.00pm Voices: Hugo Wolf's
Spanisches Liederspiel (i)
1.00pm St David's Hall
Lunchtime Recital: Maria
Blanco, mezzo; Grupo
Encuentros de Buenos Aires
Andrés Nardón, Carlos
Guastavino (Sonata de
Ruisenro); Villa-Lobos
(Poema de nino y su madre);
Ricardo Aranda (Grito, Op 10);
Alicia Tezcan (Tres Retratos);
Irma Urteaga (Sonatas de
Yema); Roque de Pedro (En
el bar, como un Tango)
2.00pm Schools: The Song
Courses 1 — The Vanishing
Hole 2.15pm Together Stories
2.30pm Dance Workshop 2.50
Posty Corner

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00am News:
Weather 6.10am Farming Today
6.25pm Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today Inc 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 8.55, 9.55
Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport
7.45pm Thought for the Day
8.40pm Yesterday in Parliament
8.55pm Weather
9.00pm News 9.05pm Desert Island
Discs, with historian
Professor Eric Hobsbawm (i)
9.45pm Football, with Chris Durkin
10.00-10.30pm News: Listen to the
Cinema (FM only): David
Hulme explores music in
the cinema, and talks to
composers about the
contribution music makes to a
film
10.00pm An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15pm Something Underneath (LW
only): Love is Enough, read
by Jack Klaff and Eve Karpf
10.30pm Woman's Hour, introduced
by Sylvia Horn
11.30pm The National History
Programme, presented by
Joanna Pincus
12.00pm News: You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme,
presented by Derek Cooper
12.35pm Weather
1.00pm The World at One, with Nick
Clarke
1.40pm The Archers (i) 1.55pm
Shipping Forecast
2.00pm News: Classic Serial: Dead
Souls. The second of two
episodes of Nikolai Gogol's
comedy dramatised by
Stephen Wyatt. With
Stoff as Chichikov and a cast
including Jean Alexander,
Bryan Pringle and Kate
McGrann. Directed by Mark
Rowland (i)
3.00pm News: The Afternoon Shift,
with Laura Taylor and guests

RADIO 5

4.00pm News: Kaleidoscope: Tim
Marlowe celebrates the
centenary of the innovative art
gallery, Kettle's Yard in
Cambridge
4.45pm Short Story: Having a
Wonderful Time. Patricia
Breke reads J.G. Ballard's
story (i)
5.00pm PM, with Hugh Sykes and
Linda Lewis 5.55pm Shipping
Forecast 5.55pm Weather
6.00pm Six O'Clock News 6.30pm
Going Places: Ideas for the
weekend
7.00pm News 7.05pm The Archers
7.20pm Pick of the Week
8.05pm Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby chairs a discussion
in Hove, East Sussex, with
Anne Applebaum, deputy
editor of the Spectator, Sir
Edward Heath, MP, Lord
Jenkins of Hillhead, and
Gerald Kaufman, MP
8.50pm Low In Audition, with Marcel
Berling
9.15pm Letter from America, by
Alistair Cooke
9.30pm Kaleidoscope: Features: The
Art of Reading (i). See Choice
9.55pm Weather
10.00pm The World Tonight
10.05pm News: Robert Arbery
and Michaela (i)
10.45pm Week Ending: A satirical
review of the week's news
with Sally Genge, Jeffrey
Holland, Toby Longworth and
Sally Phillips
11.25pm Fourth Column: Alistair
Beaton's guests include
William G. Sumner, 12.00pm
11.45pm The State of the Carpet
Charlotte Mitchell returns with
some of her latest poems (i)
12.00-12.45am News 12.27
12.43am As World Service (LW)

RADIO 6

5.55am Shipping 6.00am News:
Weather 6.10am Farming Today
6.25pm Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today Inc 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
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10.05pm News: Robert Arbery
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10.45pm Week Ending: A satirical
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11.25pm Fourth Column: Alistair
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Charlotte Mitchell returns with
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